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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Welcome to the Versus Books *Grandia II Perfect Guide*! This book is the ultimate supplement to your *Grandia II* experience: besides containing a copious amount of beautiful artwork (done by renowned manga artist and character designer Youshi Kanoe), this Perfect Guide also gives you the lowdown on every section of what turns out to be a very lengthy quest, all presented in an easy-to-follow walkthrough format. As such, the walkthrough section itself represents the largest portion of the book, with each location given its own clearly demarcated set of pages. But it doesn't end there: directly following this portion lies an Appendices section giving full statistics on every item, move, and spell in the game.

Monster Boxes containing enemy stats are provided at the beginning of the section for each location. It's an easy-to-reference enclosure containing a thumbnail image of the monster, plus its vitals: HP/MP/SP, besides useful info like Defense and Action ratings. Also listed is what you stand to take away from each fight: namely, the amount of XP/SC/MC/GP, not to mention the regular and rare items the monster carries.

The Item Boxes give you a run-down on all of the treasure you'll find in the areas mapped out on that page. Every map contains blue numbered dots that mark the location of either a chest or an item that's simply laying on the ground, and correspond to the piece of treasure that's listed by the same number in the Item Box enclosure. Pay attention to this, and you'll be able to find every item in the game, guaranteed.

Each section of the walk-through contains all of the maps you'll need to navigate the area. They're taken directly from GameArts's actual environment models from the game, so you know they're accurate. Besides sporting clearly marked entrances, exits, and notable landmarks, the maps also mark the areas where you'll find save points, ladders, action spots, and traps. Nothing should catch you unaware.

Every town contains two sure things: an Inn where you can save, and a Shop where you can sell your old wares and purchase new ones. Look for this Shop Box (similar in design to Item Boxes) at the beginning of each town section to find out what, exactly, is available. Listings for Weapons, Armor (which includes Accessories, those helpful items that can boost one or more of your abilities), and Items all appear.

To Caverns From Area 2

LILIGUE CAVE 3

To Temple Ruins

From Caverns

ITEMS

12 Smelling Salts
Burning Bow
Flare Dress

From Caverns

TEMPLE RUINS

The View from Up Here

When you come to Area 3 and are given the stunning bird's eye view, go to the save point, and recover. But then equip Ryando with the Flambeige, as you're free from Ghoul's from here on out and can safely switch to the flame-based weapon. Head into the Caverns, ever closer to the inner sanctum.

One Last Trove Before the Imminent Tongue-Lashing

The chest in the Caverns contains Smelling Salts, the Burning Bow, and the Flare Dress. Once Millenia is swapped for Elena (you'll be fighting the big lummox who regurgitated her in a few seconds), be sure to equip Millenia before the big fight with the dress and the bow, not to mention giving her the necessary Skills, Accessories, and Mana Egg that you desire. Now walk into the Temple Ruins with your head up and nostrils pinched; there's some serious breath coming your way...

BOSS

VALMAR'S TONGUE

BODY

LV: 25 HP: 8000
XP: 210 SC: 720
MC: 0 GP: 0

HEAD HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 500

RIGHT HAND HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

LEFT HAND HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

This boss, like many you'll face from now on, consists of multiple components attached to the body. Keep in mind: if you destroy the body, you won't get any of the remains belonging to the other pieces: the Right Hand's Ancient Glaive, and the Left's Revival Glaive. The Body itself holds the Book of Wizards' Walkbook. Deploy the tenacious Head First to thwart an attempt at casting Healer Spells or Votes with a wide range attack. Can help deploy all the components of HP simultaneously. Falke, Wynn and Zipp are good ones to use, obviously. But even something a bit more passive, like Shift or Fira can help out by disrupting the inopportune attack. Hint: Remember to use Whirlwind Salve and/or Healing Herbs when your HP gets low; if you SC or XP are running out, make the most of your physical attacks to cancel cancel cancel and put a gut ride to all his attacks.

The Body's Huge Leap will break cancel-haxee on your party...

...while the Starving Tongue will drain as much as 800 HP from your party to the Body.

Saying Goodbye to Sweet Liligue

Go to the Inn, spend the night, and have a meal. The next day is a big one for our would-be composites: it's time to board the Skyway. Mind you, once you get on, there's no going back. So take advantage of this time to return to Agear, if you wish, and have another meal at Vyxx's inn, over which you'll learn a little about the Beast-Man class. When you're all good and finished, head to the Skyway Station. And blast -- um, that is to say -- glide off!

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Boss Boxes contain all the information you'll need to make your encounters with *Grandia II*'s most powerful foes run as smoothly as possible. Inside you'll get a rundown on all relevant stats for the main beast, along with an HP and XP/SC/MC/GP count for any supplementary components or creatures that may also be attacking. To the right is the strategy portion, which will guide you through the fight step by step.

You'll find screenshots on every page right next to the portions of text to which they correspond. Because of *Grandia II*'s rotational overhead viewpoint, it's easy to lose your bearings at times with exactly what direction you intended to head in; at other times, you'll finish a drawn-out battle only to return to the overhead screen and be left wondering, "Um, which... direction was... um... I... nnnnhh..." At moments like this, it's nice to look at a screenshot or two as a point of reference. Furthermore, it almost goes without saying, but not so much so that I'm going to avoid saying it here, that shots can be really illustrative in showing you exactly what to do during a particular puzzle, exactly where to push the lever, exactly where the jump point is, et cetera. And of course, if it's mentioned in the text that such-and-such an attack by such-and-such a boss will wipe you out, a nice screenshot will really drive the fact home. Such is the power of the image.



CHARACTERS



Ryudo

Sarcastic, snide, and irreverent, Ryudo works as a Geohound, a hired hand for situations requiring perhaps a bit more bravery (or brazenness) than the paying client can muster. Mounted on Ryudo's shoulder at all times sits Skye, his avian best friend who's never reluctant to give advice.



Elena

Elena sings the songs of praise and devotion for the god Granas in a small town. As devout and timid as Ryudo is blasphemous and bombastic, Elena even belongs to a sisterhood of the good god... but her world-view takes on shades beyond black and white as the quest begins.



Millenia

Millenia enters the scene with a bang, and continues to make fireworks with each subsequent appearance. She has an extraordinary crush on Ryudo, and likewise harbors an intensely-felt sense of rivalry for Elena. Fighting enemies with a near-sadistic glee, Millenia never relents.



CHARACTERS



Roan

Roan's involvement in the quest at hand starts with nothing more beyond finding a lost family memen- to. Yet as this bright-eyed lad's role widens in scope, the implications of his actions will go on to influence entire generations of the world's people.

Human

13 Years Old

145 cm

37 kg



Mareg

An introspective behemoth whose keenness for aphorisms is rivaled only by his powerful sense of smell. Mareg proves the perfect companion for Ryudo. His prowess in combat cannot go unremarked, but whether this stems from bulk, skill, or clarity of mind stands as a mystery.

Beast-Man

Late 30's

193 cm

113 kg



Tio

Tio's sad history is apparent from the moment she speaks her first words. Joining Ryudo and company requires her to overcome the hurdle of living a life without a past. But Mareg will take it upon himself to disprove the notion that within Tio there lies a soul without a heart.

Automaton

Resembles an Older Teen

153 cm

41 kg





WITT FOREST PATH

The Witt Forest Path constitutes the first location in *Grandia II*, and should prove a pretty leisurely stroll-through in the "grassland'y opening level"-vein of gaming tradition. Witt can be classified as a "transition location": an overworld-type of stage that acts as a stopgap between two main locations.

ITEMS

- 1 Wound Salve
- 2 Poison Antidote
- 3 Blizzard Charm
- 4 Wound Salve
Hand Grenade
Yomi's Elixir



Once in Witt, Ryudo will find a message dangling from a dead limb. It's a notice for a job in the next town. These folk sure know how to run a great Classifieds section.



AREA MONSTERS

MOTTLED SPIDER	
	LV: 10 HP: 250
	MP: 0 SP: 60
Def: 100	Mov: 59 Act: 50
Mag Def: 60	
XP: 8	SC: 15 MC: 5 GP: 2
ITEMS	
Medicinal Herb	Slowpoke Nut



Scour the area for follow the numbered dots from the north to the south of the map to find some basic healing items. But sell the inexplicably placed Blizzard Charm: it gives Level 5 blizzard resistance.



Levitating arrows appear in front of objects that you can climb: like, for instance, this ladder. The prismatic cone to the right is a save point. Pressing **X** once you stand inside it allows you to save and fully recover all HP, SP, and MP. Take advantage of this!



WITT FOREST PATH

Prologomena to a Grounding in COMBAT

Shortly after you enter the winding path through the southern woods, you'll come into contact with your first enemy. Approach with caution: this Mottled Spider scurries around like its brain is haywire. Whether the enemies in *Grandia II* jitter about in this way because they have unquenchable monstrous intent or because they're someone's equally devious thesis on the efficacy of collision detection, **IF THEY TOUCH YOU, YOU MUST FIGHT THEM**. Or escape, of course. But keep in mind: should an enemy touch you from the rear, they will "surprise" you, and be given first initiative in the ensuing fight. This basically means they have a significant lead in their position on the IP gauge, and will probably get to attack first. Likewise, if you touch the enemy from behind, you are granted first initiative. Try for this as often as possible.



The first of the Mottled Spiders should be easy to maneuver behind and "tag," granting you first initiative. The second will hop out of the trees near the big chest, but its pounce is easy to avoid. Enemies will make a more daring effort at tagging you when they blink red, but even then it's pretty easy to take the upper hand.

CARBO VILLAGE



CARBO TOWN

The Great Top-Hat Revival

Near the entrance to Carbo Town stand an Inn and a General Shop, two fixtures that you'll find in every town in the game. At an Inn, you can save your game and recover your party fully, free of charge. Sometimes though the innkeeper will also offer you a chance to eat; should you take up the offer, you'll be treated to a delightful bonding session between you and your current comrades. It will be documented later in the book whenever this option arises: besides being pretty gravy, these meals are necessary at times for the story to progress. In the Shop across the street you can buy and sell (at half the listed price) armaments and sundries. But the keen-eyed might notice that all such transactions take place in the vicinity of a queer top-hatted jester. What's his story? Why, nothing less than that he's there to school Ryudo on the basic elements of combat! Have a go-round with this tutor in a harmless mock-battle and discover the finer points of Cancels, Counters, and Criticals. Check it out.



The Tutor Man will show you some nifty things, and it costs you nothing except a minute or two of your time. In later General Shops in the game, Tutor Man will teach you "Intermediate" and "Advanced" techniques, but will never once doff the hat.



A Holy Little Hamlet

Once you say goodbye to Witt, there's no going back. While you'll meet Elena as soon as you amble into town, it can't be said that the reception towards you is anything particularly warm. Take this cue to spend some time listening to the townsfolk and spitting back some vitriol of your own. And keep in mind: just because a back-and-forth session has ended with someone doesn't mean the conversation is over. You can usually get at least three different exchanges with each person in *Grandia II* before they've said their fill. So keep pressing **X**... you might find out more than you were initially expecting. A scenario which also applies to taking a close examination of the bookshelf in the home of the man in the Tyrolian/Alpine fashion. But in any case, you'll also want to chat with everyone all over again directly following any story-events that occur to hear all new hot air.



SHOP

WEAPONS

Falx	500G
Shamshir	620G

ARMOR

Cuir Bouilli	500G
Leather Armor	750G
Climbing Boots	200G

ITEMS

Medicinal Herb	10G
Wound Salve	24G
Poison Antidote	14G
Paralysis Salve	14G
Eye Drops	14G
Mushroom Cloud	20G
Goblin Toadstool	30G

A Brief Word on Rotation

Now may be the time to ask yourself the question: have I gone to the Config menu and changed the screen rotation direction designated to the **L1** and **R1** buttons? And if not, am I happy? Allow me to explain my own case while you keep in mind the fact that I am unable to plumb too deep into your own soul. If you place your right hand on the right edge of a real-world object and then pull towards yourself (corresponding then to the game screen), were you to pull the **R1** button, the object would rotate clockwise. Not counter-clockwise. Yet this rearrangement of physical sense, this scheme that would have you believe your left hand were grafted to your right wrist and vice-versa, this is the default setting for screen rotation. And this defies logic! Keep continuity with your physical laws, and switch the screen rotation to the other mode. Unless you, um, *like it* this way. And, of course, are pretending to be "swivelling" a camera.



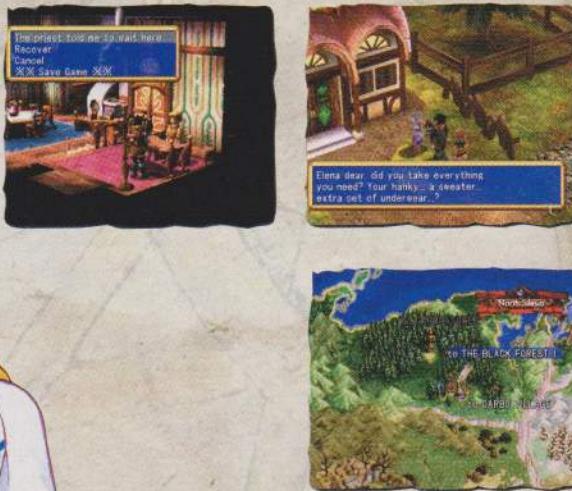
You've Got the Money; She's Got the Soul

Do you really need to stock up on supplies before you head off to the Black Forest? At this point you're just a bowdlerized escort service, after all. Right? Nothing too difficult... Well, it might be a good idea to take at least a few Medicinal Herbs along. You don't have to go overboard on these purchases though: you'll find literal troves of this stuff further in your journey. Needless to say you don't have enough money for any of the fancy weapons just yet... don't bother. Save up for the goods in the next town instead.



Going to Granas's House

After you've finished talking to the locals, head up to the church: it's time to accept the commission for work. Once you step inside you'll be privy to a brief event, and meet **Elena**, a Songstress of Granas. After a moment, the two of you will be joined by **Carius**, the priest of Carbo. Carius is undoubtedly the most accommodating person you'll meet in this town, but of course, that's because he's got a favor to ask of you. Listen closely, then do what he tells you: head to the Inn. (Unfortunately there's not much to the Church to explore while you're here... you only have access to the sacristy.) Once at the Inn, sidle up to the innkeeper and have a chat. You'll see that you have the option of telling him that the priest told you to wait. Select this, and you can have a rest before being visited by Carius. He'll give you further details at this point as to the direction of your mission.



BLACK FOREST



BLACK FOREST 1



BLACK FOREST 2

Nothing to Be Scared Of, Elena

The Black Forest is another transition area like Witt Forest Path. While Witt never appears on the map screen, the Black Forest does, and must be traversed before you have access to your destination at Garmia Tower. But note that this will be your only chance to visit these areas; once you've come, seen, and conquered the forest and the tower, you'll be unable to return. So fend off the Dodos that will ambush you in both areas (piece of cake) and pick up the items while you're still able.

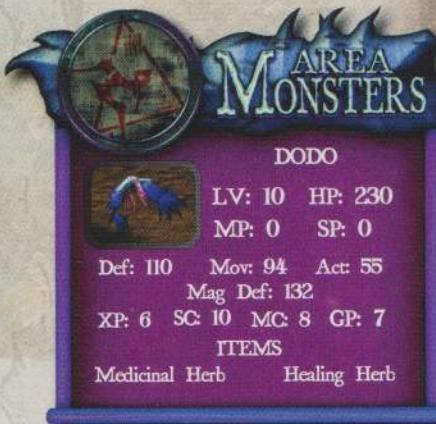


Just because Elena's along for the ride here doesn't mean she's going to lift a finger to help fight. The first ambush comes in Area 1 near the bend past the Medicinal Herb...



...the second takes place as you approach the ragged tree in the center of Area 2. It isn't hard to send these Dodos back to extinction.

After passing through the exit of a transition area and therefore unlocking access to the other place on the map (Garmia Tower here), you never have to return to the transition place again when traversing between locations.



GARMIA TOWER



The Gravely Blessed Tower

Everything seems relatively calm and sedate when Ryudo and Elena show up for the exorcism... but don't they *always* seem to start off that way?

It's so true. But soon enough, with the sound of an interior shriek, it becomes clear to Ryudo that it's time to quit paradoxically chillin' by the campfire and hustle inside. Approach the door and enter. This is your first serious "dungeon excursion," so make use of the save point just past the threshold.

ITEMS

- 1 Wound Salve
- 2 Wind Charm
- 3 Hand Grenade
- 4 50G
- 5 150G
- 6 Wound Salve



GARMIA TOWER, 1st FLOOR



Because of the rafters crossing all over your field of vision, it's easy to accidentally bump into a Mottled Spider or two unawares. Kill all you can for the XP, but instead of using heal items, retrace your steps to the save point and use the recover option as necessary.



GARGOYLE

LV: 10 HP: 380
MP: 80 SP: 0
Def: 115 Mov: 69 Act: 45
Mag Def: 135
XP: 18 SC: 54 MC: 21 GP: 12
ITEMS

Holy Ashes

Sword of Purity

ALSO APPEARING HERE:
Mottled Spider
(see page 6)



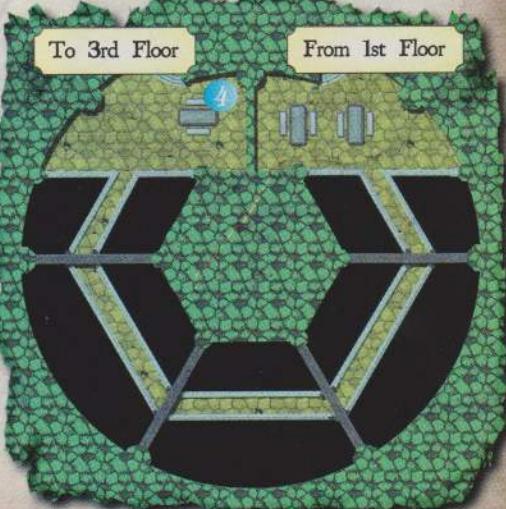
Big chest; small gift.

Treasure for Treasure

At this point in the game, you'll start to find some caches of gold that will constitute a significant increase in income for our beloved Ryudo. In Garmia Tower alone there's a total of 200GP to be found in addition to the regular paltry sums received after battles. It's worth your while to get all of the items in an area, because even if they strike you as having no discernible value and that you won't use them at all, they can still be sold in town for some fine lucre.

To 3rd Floor

From 1st Floor



GARMIA TOWER, 2nd FLOOR



GARMIA TOWER, 3rd FLOOR



There'll be no crossing any of the 3rd Floor's brown piles of lumpy rubble.

"!" Is for "ACTION!"

Now that you've slaughtered the Gargoyles, where to go? The door just won't seem to budge, but, wait a minute, what's that you say, Skye? The window? The way is in the window? Skye: loyal avion accomplice; feathered sage; incomparable confidant. Yes, Skye's right. Step up to the stained-glass window where a "!" action icon will appear. Whenever you see one of these in the game, it's a sign to press **X**, 'cause you'll make something happen.



Press **X** at the !'s bidding to smash the window and hop through.



GARMIA TOWER, TOP FLOOR

Gargoyle Flourish

As you've probably figured out by now, the sisters' exorcism has been a raging success. After twisting your way through the tower's ruinous-tortuous third floor (and giving the **L1** and **R1** buttons quite a workout, no doubt), you'll come to a welcome save point near the staircase to the top. Save up and recover, quite obviously. When you emerge upstairs, you'll find two Gargoyles snacking on Tessa. Fighting this pair shouldn't be too hard, but don't feel shy about using an herb for healing (the Gargs have a predilection for casting Howl), nor about tossing the odd Hand Grenade. This should mark the end of all scuffling about in this tower.



Post-Millenia'l Tension

A jarring image awaits on the other side of that window, and things become clear to Ryudo that it's time to grab Elena and make a beeline for home. Indeed, as stated earlier, you won't be able to return to Garmia Tower nor the Black Forest from this point onward, but I'm willing to bet that won't cause you any lost sleep. You'll appear directly in Carbo to find that this dire hour has only gotten that much... direr. Walk up to the church to speak to Carius who awaits you at the entrance. When you break the news to him of everything that's happened in the tower, take note of how this doesn't even make Mr. Stoic budge a flinch: this is just how zen he is. But as soon as the Granas statue breaks he goes all laser-beam. Cue the entrance of **Millenia**. She's nobody's introvert, and she's willing to fight Ryudo to prove it. When the fight breaks out, nothing you do can help much, as there's no way to defeat her; so just roll with it and let yourself be dominated. Cheers.



INOR MOUNTAINS

Mushroom Jamboree

Smell that fresh air... and breathe in those fungal spores! You can chop away at any of the mushrooms in the Inor Mountains. Some may contain treasure, but some may also contain frenetic Crag Snakes. Nonetheless, for the first time, Elena will take up arms and help "contribute" to the fighting. Besides being handy with a staff (which, really, she isn't, because factually speaking, she is weaker than Ryudo), she also brings magic and moves to (specifically, the big-damage Impact Bomb) to the table.

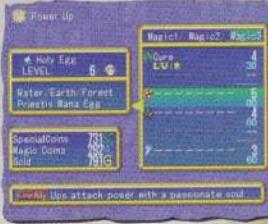


It's easy to get lost in the forest sprawl, so keep an eye on the compass (or on the map on the next page). Or leave a trail of flattened mushrooms to mark where you've been.



Let's Learn Moves

It's never too early to start powering up your party. By going to the Learn Moves menu you can upgrade Ryudo's moves at this point to include Flying Tenseiken or Purple Lightning, or even unlock Elena's Nightmare Ball. It's probably best to spend your SC on Ryudo though, as Flying Tenseiken is powerful and useful, unlike Elena's Nightmare Ball (merely a glorified version of the Snooze spell).



Look around in the Power Up menu to see what options you have available in terms of new moves and spells that can be unlocked. If you see something you might like but don't have MC/SC, save up!



Beware the swooping Dodos on the windy narrow paths once you get up to the mountain. You've got little room for any evasive fancy footwork.

Shortly after arriving in the second area, you'll be treated to a short event where Ryudo and Elena set up camp and chat.

The Tinkle of Mallet on Spike

Take a hint from the first collapsing boulder pile what to do the next time you spot one of these odd storage contraptions further down the path. You'll want to secure it, actually, is what you'll want to do. Didn't know "securing structures" was one of Ryudo's knacks? Granted, it takes a savvy eye to detect that peculiar air about him specific to the casual joiner. But it's all true. If you approach the second bundle and press **X**, Ryudo will "hammer" down the supposed spikes (hear the nail striking?) — this will prevent them from toppling down when you tread the lower path.



When the rocks spill, take a cue on how to hammer down the nails. There aren't any other "action events" in the game that are this subtle to detect, so you don't have to start trying to hammer at everything you see.



AREA MONSTERS



CRAG SNAKE

LV: II HP: 280

MP: 0 SP: 0

Def: 125 Mov: 99 Act: 76
Mag Def: 53

XP: 12 SC: 24 MC: 20 GP: 27
Strong Vs. Earth Magic

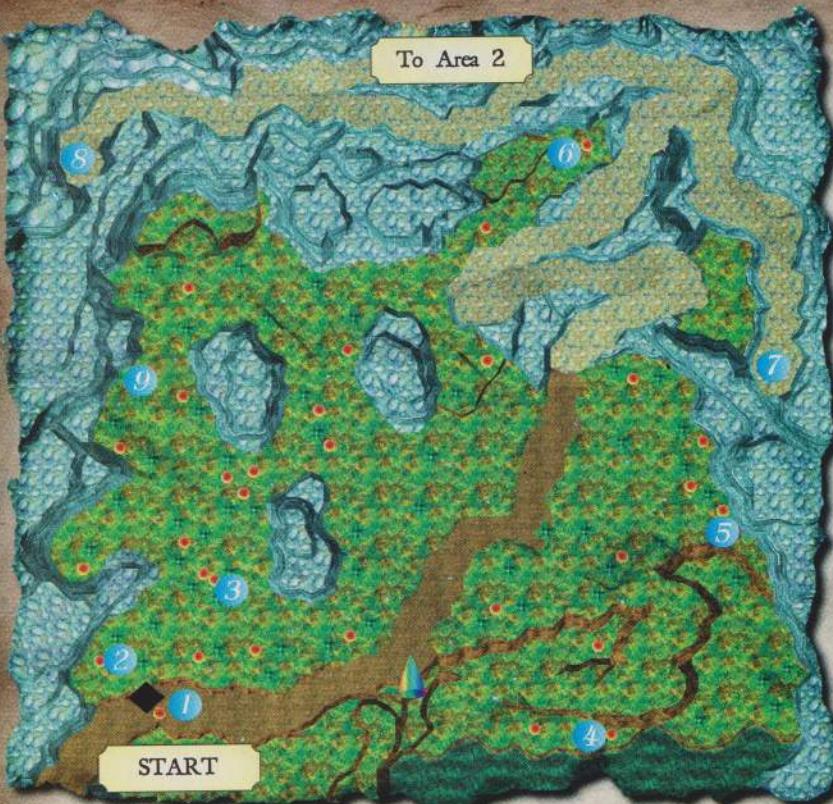
ITEMS

Poison Antidote Snake Earrings

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Mottled Spider
(see page 6)

Dodo
(see page 9)



INOR MOUNTAINS 1



INOR MOUNTAINS 2

ITEMS

- 1 Muscle Mushroom
- 2 150G
- 3 50G
- 4 Mushroom Cloud
- 5 50G
- 6 Goblin Toadstool
- 7 Poison Antidote
- 8 150G
- 9 50G
- 10 50G
- 11 Climbing Hat
- 12 150G
- 13 Poison Antidote
Yomi's Elixir
Crystal Brooch
- 14 50G



Grandia II contains many a lesson on the principles of cause and effect, none of which are subtle. Fight the Dodo here, then push the wooden board out to make the boulder tumble and smash the rocks surrounding the chest. Likewise, fill the hole with the teetering boulder nearby to get the Climbing Hat, a good equip for Elena, who at this point in the game is, factually speaking, very weak in her stats. The other large boulder nearby, if pushed, will only reveal a Crag Snake behind the wall. Hitch down the ladder and continue onward, step by step into an ever more uncertain fate!!!!





AGEAR TOWN



AGEAR TOWN

SHOP	
• • W E A P O N S • •	
Falx.....	500G
Shamshir.....	620G
Army Saber.....	750G
Iron Rod.....	720G
• • A R M O R • •	
Leather Jacket.....	650G
Quilted Silk.....	800G
Leather Armor.....	750G
Chain Mail.....	950G
Traveler's Hat.....	300G
Leather Bandana.....	350G
Climbing Boots.....	200G
Heavy Stone.....	120G
Sleep Charrn.....	250G

• • I T E M S • •	
Medicinal Herb.....	10G
Wound Salve.....	24G
Poison Antidote.....	14G
Paralysis Salve.....	14G
Eye Drops.....	14G
Smelling Salts.....	20G
Mushroom Cloud.....	20G
Hand Grenade.....	30G



If you've read any interviews with Takeshi Miyaji, *Grandia II*'s executive producer, in which he's dropped the name of Akira Kurosawa as an influence, this sweeping establishment-of-scenario panorama is probably the big homage. Agear is lovely in its ruins.

Roan and the Food Goofs

When you talk to the innkeeper Vyx, you'll find you have the option of greeting him, so greet away! (You might want to take note of the beautiful wooden ornamentation hanging overhead; this is just a small example of the close attention paid to all sorts of details throughout the duration of the game.) After chatting you'll take part in an event in which you'll meet Roan, a young lad insistent upon finding a medal-sort-of-bauble of great sentiment. So insistent in fact, that he's cavalier enough to beg others to risk their lives in the hope of finding his memento. Before he comes your way (and sets in motion your next adventure/detour), his pleading rings out to a flamboyant cadre of clowns with whom you'll get acquainted. These are Gonzola, Paella, Risotto, and Carpaccio, all of whose parents were apparently real ape for the trattoria. Following Elena's "little session," get ready for a sexy interlude with Millenia, who will join up with Ryudo. Once the hubbub passes, head downstairs to join the four food clowns in their cafèclaccio.



Have some fun and talk to Paella after you come downstairs. Cat-ty, cat-ty, cat-ty!



Easy there, lass! Elena puts nunnery on hold; goes on magnificent Kuko tender.



But still she is young, very young. You young to be the like derbas.

It's easy to accumulate loads of accessories during the adventure, much of which you may never use. Even if you think you don't have enough GP for that trinket you covet so in the local shop, you might be surprised by what a couple sales can get you.



Now Millie's in the Ranks

Once Millenia joins up, you'll notice that she pretty much has the same stats as Elena, beginning at about Level 13, but stocked with different equipment and skills. You'll also note that she's equipped with a "Chaos Egg" instead of the Holy Egg. Of course you can switch between them, but the Chaos contains several more aggressive spells waiting to be unlocked over time that do quite suit her temperament. Millenia is also in possession of the Arrow Shot and devastating Fallen Wings moves from the onset; the latter will serve you well in combat even towards the end of the game. Have Ryudo equip the Holy Egg in Elena's absence!

Millenia should prove a fine companion: her ability to use bows gives great attack range with little need for trudging up close to the enemy.



I never thought he'd make a run for the cave... by carelessness or to blame.



Night Falls on Agear

Once you step outside of the inn you'll see that nightfall has come. Talking to the townsfolk will reveal how Roan's gone off to the cave to the north. Oh yes, that's your new destination. One thing before you head off: thinking of taking Millenia back to Carbo to cause a brouhaha among the locals? Sorry: for the time being, both Carbo and Inor will be inaccessible on the Silesian Continent map screen.

DURHAM CAVE



Stalactites will fall from the ceiling to create steps to the save point once you move close to the ledge's edge.



AREA MONSTERS



FROST FROG

LV: 13 HP: 400
MP: 0 SP: 0

Def: 113 Mov: 98 Act: 73
Mag Def: 67
XP: 11 SC: 26 MC: 17 GP: 37
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Eye Drops Toad Oil



TROGLODYTE

LV: 13 HP: 980
MP: 0 SP: 210

Def: 118 Mov: 40 Act: 70
Mag Def: 90
XP: 24 SC: 40 MC: 10 GP: 160
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Whirlwind Scroll Mist Egg

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Crag Snake
(see page 12)



DURHAM CAVE 1



Carro's Flips and Other Leaps

Heading into the eastern room after entering, you're going to run into the little guy named Carro. He eats Poff Nuts. When he eats them, he glows, but only after eating a few. When you get your hands on some, don't give any to the little being, as there is no utility to his glowing here -- save them for another Carro later in the game. Now: see the ledge further north in that room? This is a leap point (marked by an arrow on the map). Jump down. Past this there will be a giant stone to roll. It will smash open the wall. That done, you can get back to the opening area and hop down.



Squint squint! Blink Blink! Are you charmed yet? No? Interesting.



Cue the Proverbial Waterworks

As you've probably noticed, there's a switch in the direct center of Area 1. Walk up to it and give it a flick. The water level will change, making the bridge to the northeast accessible, and the one to the northwest inaccessible. Cross the accessible bridge, saunter into the northernmost room, and push down the ramp. This will come in handy in a bit. (Don't forget to pick up Yomi's Elixir hidden behind the crates.)



Cue the Proverbial Snake Ambush

Walk through the gate northwest of the first footbridge. Crag Snakes will drop from the ceiling and the room will seal off. It's a fight against four, so be prepared to take some poison. After the fight, both gates will open, one of which leads to the ramp you just pushed down, allowing a new shortcut. Go back to the switch and reverse the water level. You can now use the ramp-enabled route to access the other northwest bridge!



DURHAM CAVE 2

ITEMS

- 1 Firebomb
- 2 Medicinal Herb
- 3 Medicinal Herb
- 4 Yomi's Elixir
- 5 100G
- 6 Poff Nut
- 7 Sleep Charm
- 8 Calming Harp
- 9 Medicinal Herb
- 10 100G
- 11 300G
- 12 Stone Head
- 13 Poff Nut
- 14 Torte's Recipipe



Once you cross that bridge and enter the nearby concentrically-circular room, you'll be ambushed yet again by some happening new enemies: Frost Frogs. The very essence of chilly con carne, Frost Frogs are extremely quick, and will

leap on your party's very heads if you're not careful. You'll have to fight though since the surrounding gates won't open till every frog is dead: one gate opens for each slaughter. The northern gate (on your right when you enter) leads to Area 2.



Saving Roan from Near Certain Dismemberment



Moments after entering Area 2, you'll spot Roan in the middle of potential disaster at the jagged scales of a pack of Troglodytes. Rush in and save the poor fellow's life, but take care: the Trogs have a special move known as the Sleep



Spawn which will send your party upstream to Dreamsville. This is an important battle for reasons besides just saving little Roan's hide, though. Post-victory, you'll receive the Mist Egg, chock-full of new spells to learn and master. And Roan will join up, to boot. Give him the Mist Egg, and he should be all set. The only special attack move that he brings initially is the Golden Hammer, which with its mediocre damage and one-enemy scope, is sort of a dud.



DURHAM CAVE, DEPTHS

A Woman on the Edge

When fights get rough and tumble, there's the chance that Millenia will bust into a berserker frenzy. If you keep an eye on her portrait in the upper left of the screen, you can get an indication of how close she is to this breaking point by gauging the ebbing glow's proximity to bright red. When she hits this level, control of her is taken out of your hands, with every turn resulting in a new "random" attack from her, with absolutely no deduction from her SP or MP. This means you might get a free casting of Fallen Wings, to decimate the enemy, but also that Millenia's ACT rating goes way up! Enjoy the carnage.



"Hell hath no fury like --" ...Oh, give it a rest. Millenia throws a large, rather violent, fit.



Crag Snakes will rain down from above when you approach the first chest in Area 2.



Be sure to equip your Thinking Cap for the box-push puzzle.

Box Push (Puzzle-Thing of Sorts)

The box-push puzzle in Area 2 -- what say we go through this nefarious contraption step by step? Push the box in the tread to cover the switch. Then stand on the other switch to the right of the tread. The gate will open. Ahem. Pay attention. The Stone Head is in there. It will offer some nice protection, so have Ryudo equip it. Past the other gate, pull the switch to lower the water level so you can cross the main room. Leap from the ledge and you'll be pounced on by a bunch of Troglodytes. This is a tough battle, so watch your HP. Now pull the switch so the bridge will raise and you can head on over to the save point. The boulder next to it needs to be pushed so that when you return this way, you can save time and won't have to take the circuitous route back to this area's entrance.

BOSS

LV: 19 HP: 4200
MP: 0 SP: 360
Def: 140 Mov: 60 Act: 120
Mag Def: 110
XP: 210 SC: 720
MC: 0 GP: 0
Weak vs. Wind/Lightning
Strong vs. Earth

DURHAM MINOTAUR

Walk into the Depths and it's time for the big fight with the Durham Minotaur and two Troglodytes. Beware his Tornado Horn, which does some serious damage (about 200 to 250 HP) but also confuses its target. It would be a very good idea to cast Diggin' first, then go all out with Ryudo's Purple Lightning and of COURSE Fallen Wings. If Millenia goes into berserk mode, she may cast it again, so you'll get two uses in a row! Of course, time your Criticals right as well and you can cancel his attacks and knock him back a lot on the IP gauge. After the fight you'll get the Adventure Book. This will finally allow you to learn some Skills, and Roan will get back his precious medal.



Speak to the man near the north exit of Agear to get a Poff Nut. You can also head to Carbo and hear some new things.



Use Cancels as often as you can muster to stop the Durham Minotaur from using his Tornado Horn. Simply put, it will make Roan cry. Or easily kill him.



Retread your path out of Durham Cave after killing the Minotaur. When you get back to Agear Town proper, talk to Vyx first and "spend the night" to have a good family meal and engage in some chatter. Then step in the Guards' Tent and stock up before you leave. You'll notice the Tutorial Man can now teach you advanced techniques. Also remember to re-equip Elena's Mana Egg.



BAKED PLAINS



The arid Baked Plains constitute a long road ahead for your party. You've got to smash the rock wall by pressing **X** in the beginning; when walking on the first path, pause to mark the steam shots' locations -- they can knock a few HP off your total.



SEEDS SOWN EVERYWHERE

When you're in a situation in which there are lots of hazards -- like the steam-bursts and enemies here -- remember that it's perfectly acceptable to keep running back to the save point to recover. Free recovery or not though, don't be too reckless to swing into the Giant Mantises in the vicinity without first approaching from the rear (as you should try to do with every battle-to-be, of course). Don't skip engaging in fights with these cretins at any point though -- they may at times reward you with a Seed of Defense. Use these to give a party member a permanent +3 Vitality Up!

BAKED PLAINS 1

GIANT MANTIS	
	LV: 15 HP: 420
	MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 122	Mov: 78 Act: 78
Mag Def: 80	
XP: 5	SC: 11 MC: 18 GP: 23
Weak vs. Fire	
ITEMS	
Wound Salve	Seed of Defense

SANDMAN	
	LV: 15 HP: 340
	MP: 0 SP: 120
Def: 103	Mov: 60 Act: 65
Mag Def: 94	
XP: 13	SC: 16 MC: 15 GP: 25
Strong Vs. Earth	
ITEMS	
Hand Grenade	Sandman Whiskers

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Dodo
(see page 9)



This seed and others on the shrubs throughout the Plains can help you power up the weak, i.e. Roan.



ITEMS	
1	200G
2	Seed of Running
3	600G
4	Dash Shoes
5	600G
6	Seed of Psyche
7	200G



BAKED PLAINS 2



There are all sorts of different seeds dangling from shrubs everywhere in this area. Grab 'em all to power up big-time.



In the second area, you'll face more steam bursts still. But beware the Sandmen: they move fast and only appear most of the time as moving clumps of earth. Their Sand Spray attack will take your Move level down 1 in addition to damage, so watch out.

ITEMS

- 1 Seed of Defense
- 2 Seed of Power
- 3 200G
- 4 Healing Herb
- 4 North Wind Cape
- Poison Charrin
- 5 600G
- 6 200G
- 7 Seed of Magic
- 8 Poff Nut
- 9 Seed of Swift
- 10 Shell Armor
- 11 Swiftness Nut
- 12 200G





BAKED PLAINS 3

I Seem to Have Missmelled It"

When you arrive at the third section of the Plains, you can restore, thankfully, at a save point. (An important thing to take advantage of, as there's quite a fight in your future... and it might just be a good idea to put the Life Up skill on Ryudo if it isn't already there.) Moments later, Roan will get antsy and drag Ryudo and Elena over to show off the majesty of the Granaciffs, and for a scant moment you'll get a glimpse of what lies ahead for you in the city of Liligue. That done, it's time for dinner, presumably some freaky triptophan-infused gorging, because it sends our trio straight to bed -- and straight into combat!!! "Grumble grumble": you've been awakened to fight a boorish Beast-Man, and he doesn't like the way you smell!



The Beast Fang Cut will cancel whatever strategy you've locked in. Sorry, you.



It's the end of an era for this olfactory legend. Such are the results... of COMBAT!



Stop and get the Shell Armor before you trot off to Liligue yonder. This would have been nice to have during the Beast-Man fight, eh?

Hack your way to the southeast portion of Area 2 to find a big chest containing, among other things, the North Wind Cape, which will increase a party member's movement. The chest is surrounded by steam bursts, so watch your footing.



BOSS



LV: 16 HP: 4800
MP: 49 SP: 144
Def: 150 Mov: 88 Act: 144
Mag Def: 61
XP: 150 SC: 100
MC: 0 GP: 0

BEAST-MAN

The Beast-Man will concentrate his attacks on Ryudo, at least till he's killed him one time (presuming, of course, that you'll resurrect his corpse with Yomi's Elixir), so let Elena and Roan keep healing him for their respective actions. You might take a look at the Beast-Man's Action speed... it's very high, so as you might guess, successful cancel strategies are very difficult to pull off -- as such, it's best to avoid utilizing Criticals. His Beast-Fang Cut will do over 300HP of damage and cancel whatever you've got up your sleeve. On a final note, continual usage of the Zap! spell makes a good little tactic to use, that is, if you've really got the drive to win. Do you have this drive?

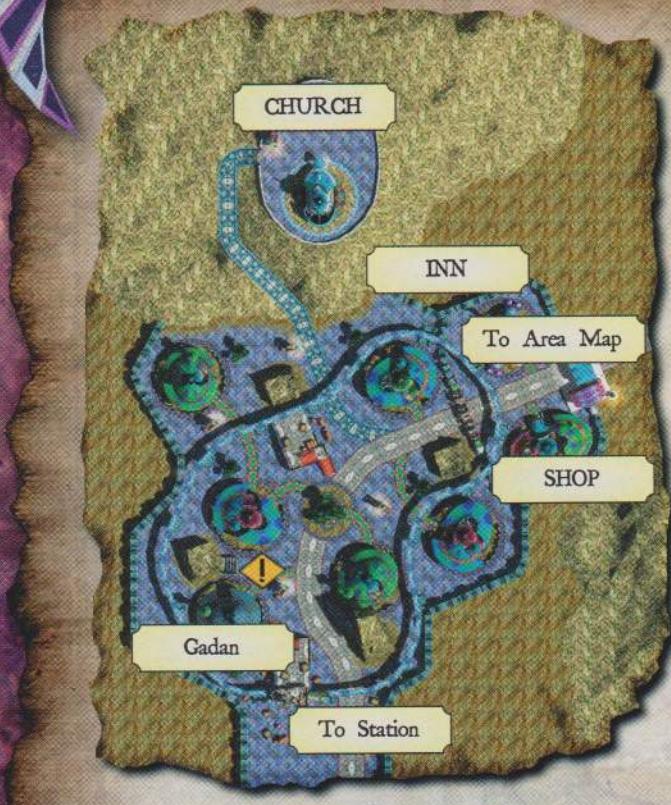
We Will Never Forget You, Citizens of Agear



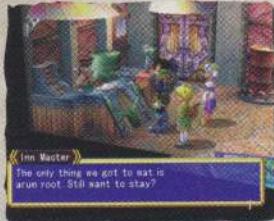
Sure, Agear hasn't exactly been "good" to you; neither has Carbo, for that matter. First you're treated like mutton for being a touch godless and daring to work for money, and then you get bounced into becoming a glorified, significantly violence-prone guardian for little Roan. Well it pays (though not literally) to revisit those memories! Go back to those places and you can hear some new words from your favorite inhabitants!



LIGUE CITY



Follow this boy home to hear his family's sad story of starvation. Of course, it's not exactly a famine occurring here, but rather the opportunity for a profound examination of where exactly the line is drawn between the palatable and the unpalatable. Arum root falls in the latter category, apparently.



Liligue's Splendor

Now THIS is architecture! Just beautiful.



SHOP

Arny Saber	750G
Samurai Blade	900G
Iron Rod	720G
Flame Staff	1250G
Battle Rod	960G
Multiple Knife	650G
Hunter's Knife	880G
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Quilted Silk	800G
Guardian Robe	1200G
Chain Mail	950G
Plate Mail	1400G
Guardian Hat	450G
Iron Bandana	480G
Iron Helm	600G
Hunter's Boots	400G
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Fire Charm	400G
Wind Charm	400G
Earth Charm	400G
Lightning Charm	400G
Blizzard Charm	400G

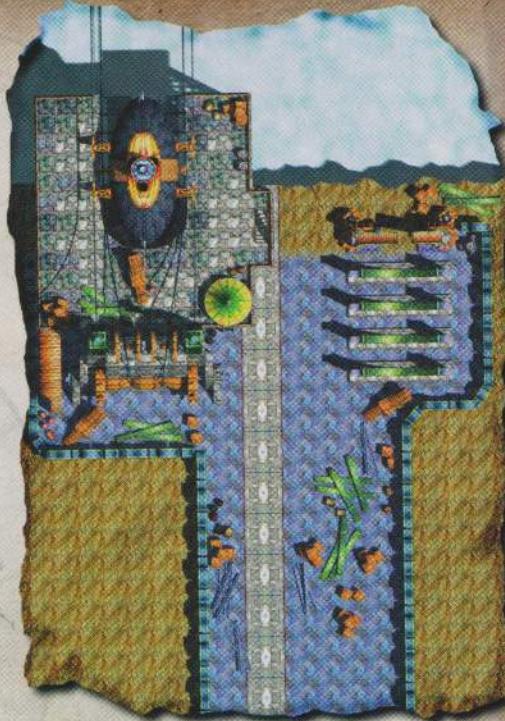
There are more things to buy in Liligue than any place you've seen to date. Such are the perks of being in a big city, as opposed to, say, the shanty-town of Agear. This is where you can really start to acquire some powerful weapons.

• • I T E M S • •

Medicinal Herb	10G
Wound Salve	24G
Healing Herb	50G
Poison Antidote	14G
Paralysis Salve	14G
Eye Drops	14G
Smelling Salts	20G
Yomi's Elixir	500G
Hand Grenade	60G
Insecticide Bomb	60G
Fireball Scroll	50G
Whirlwind Scroll	60G
Patience Nut	20G
Swiftness Nut	20G
Kuko Berry	10G

Weighting for Gadan

The most important visit to make in Liligue is the one to Gadan. Feast your eyes upon his, well, feast, and prepare yourself for a disturbing exchange...



And Now for a Little History

You won't be able to speak to the Father in the church on the hill until after having a meeting with Gadan, but afterwards head on up to find out about the history of Liligue, and the significance of the monolithic rock structures.



Take a look at the two stone foundations in Liligue. These, incidentally, do not serve as mere ornamentation...



The Skyway is wondrous... and temporarily inaccessible. Return after spelunking in Liligue Cave.



He's got the smell, once again...



Statistically speaking, Mareg takes no prisoners.



Pop the lock, and down you go to Liligue Cave.



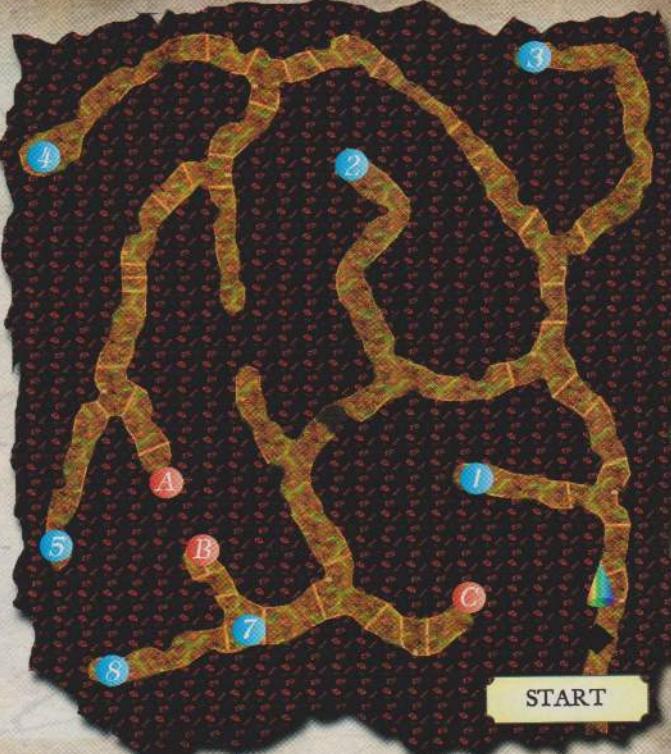
LILIGUE CAVE

A Bright and Shining Path

As you'll see, there are several braziers on the wall that are waiting to be lit. Don't go indiscriminately lighting them; you can flare these up in order to mark where you've explored, as the scenery is kind of similar all through this first area, and a bit twisty too.



The multi-purpose X button lights the torches.



AREA MONSTERS



GOUL

LV: 17 HP: 670

MP: 70 SP: 100

Def: 135 Mov: 42 Act: 75
Mag Def: 115

XP: 15 SC: 19 MC: 30 GP: 34
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Weakness Nut Yomi's Elixir

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Gargoyle
(see page 10)

Crag Snake
(see page 12)

Frost Frog
(see page 16)

Giant Mantis
(see page 19)

NOTE: The letters in the red dots represent connecting doorways between two areas!

LILIGUE CAVE 1

Liligue Cave's Splendors

Don't miss the two chests in Liligue containing 1200G; that would be a lot of money to pass up! And there's a lot of money to be found here -- 3200G in fact, and that's not counting combat rewards, either. You'll emerge rich!



It's one thing to turn the corner and find a treasure chest, but another thing to run head-on into a waiting monster. Keep pushing those L1 and R1 buttons to get the best camera angles on each passage.



Your First Encounter with the Undead

The second area contains hovering, decaying, legless Ghouls. If you have any anti-undead items, like Holy Ashes, you can use them here to make short work of these monsters. But beware their Power Drain, which will absorb HP from a party member and heal the offending Ghoul (not to mention cancel its victim's attack). Also watch out for their Ice Prickle, a range attack that can spear your entire party. Nonetheless some good can come out of fighting Ghouls: they're a great resource for Yomi's Elixir. Take heed!

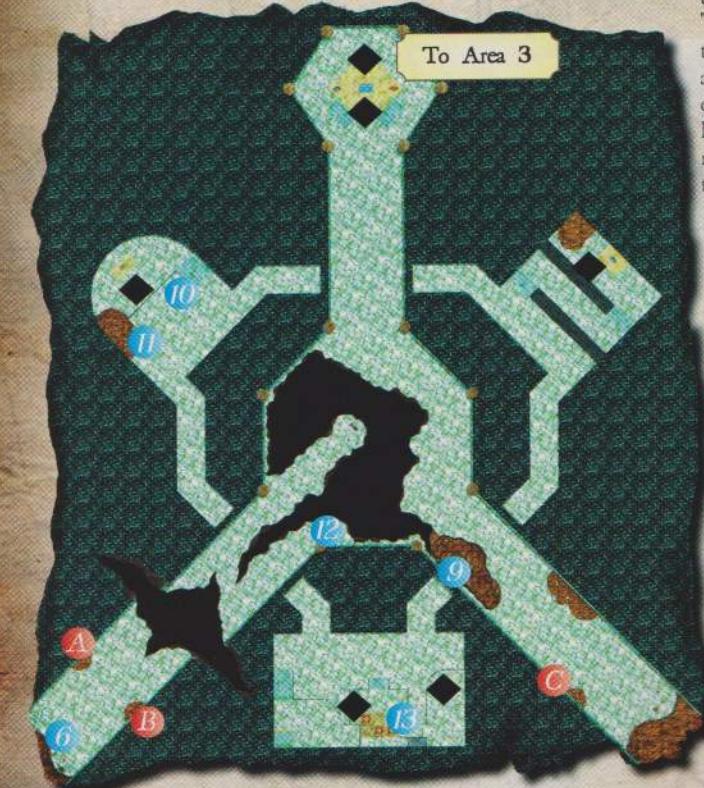


Lighting the Colored Orbs

Read the tablet and see that the red, blue, and green "candlesticks" need to be lit for the gate to Area 3 to open. Step on the panel in front of the tablet to open up two passageways a few feet back down the corridor you used to get here. These lead to the rooms where you can light the orbs.



The green orb (in the western passage) needs simply to be walked in front of and pushed. Continue through this western section and you'll arrive at a passage leading to the red orb. Along the way you'll come across another stone tablet on which is written a hint on how to solve the red orb room's "puzzle." Walk into the room nearby, and (gasp) push the box sticking out... against the wall! Now you can cross the raised portion... though there's a little "trick" here: the other box at the top of the staircase holds a Ghoul ready to burst out and eat your brains. Fight, then light the red orb. You might notice that on the other side of the boxes lies a Poff Nut. If you exit the room and re-enter, the boxes will reset. Just push the odd box sideways instead of against the wall to procure the nut. Head back now to the main passage and go into the other hallway that opened after you stepped on the panel by the orbs in front of the gate. In this eastern segment there are a few Giant Mantises to kill before lighting the blue orb. So kill them, and then, well, light the orb. Return to the three-orb dais in the main hallway and push the new orb that's materialized. The gate will open, and you can now progress to Area 3!



LILIGUE CAVE 2

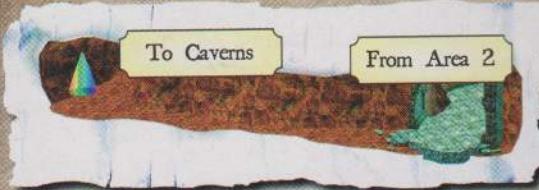
Obtaining the Sword of Purity

If you have your Pirate's King skill activated, you stand a good chance of getting the Sword of Purity from a Gargoyle (it will be marked by three "treasure bells" in their status box). This has a 40 Attack, and is very effective on undead.

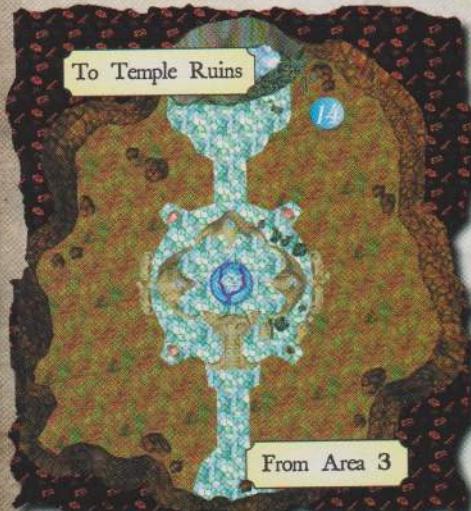
Equip away! The Flamberge you'll find here is more powerful still, but keep a hold on this one until you get to the boss, as the Sword of Purity decimates the undead, and there sure are enough here (but only Ghouls count, not Gargoyles). And don't think just because you're on the other side of a chasm, Gargoyles can't cross over to tag you and initiate combat. Have wings -- DO fly.



ITEMS	
9	400G
10	Bonds of Trust
11	Confusion Charm
12	Holy Wound Salve
12	Fire Pendant
12	Flamberge
13	Poff Nut



LILIGUE CAVE 3



LILIGUE CAVE, CAVERNS



TEMPLE RUINS



The View from Up Here

When you come to Area 3 and are given the stunning bird's eye view, go to the save point, and recover. But then equip Ryudo with the Flambeuge, as you're free from Ghouls from here on out and can safely switch to the flame-based weapon. Head into the Caverns, ever closer to the inner sanctum.

One Last Trove Before the Imminent Tongue-Lashing

The chest in the Caverns contains Smelling Salts, the Burning Bow, and the Flare Dress. Once Millenia is swapped for Elena (you'll be fighting the big lumox who regurgitated her in a few seconds), be sure to equip Millenia before the big fight with the dress and the bow, not to mention giving her the necessary Skills, Accessories, and Mana Egg that you desire. Now walk into the Temple Ruins with your head up and nostrils pinched; there's some serious breath coming your way...

BOSS

VALMAR'S TONGUE

This boss, like many you'll face from now on, consists of multiple components attached to the body. Keep in mind: if you destroy the Body, you won't get any of the treasures belonging to the other pieces: the Right Hand's **Ancient Cuirass**, and the Left's **Revival Gem**. The Body itself holds the **Book of Wizards** skillbook. Destroy the treasureless Head first to thwart its attempts at casting Healer Spells or Moves with a wide range-attack can help deplete all the components of HP simultaneously; Fallen Wings and Zap! are good ones to use, obviously. But even something a bit more passive, like Shh! or Fiont can help out by disrupting the components attack flow. Remember to use Wound Salve and/or Healing Herbs when your HP gets low; if your SP or MP are running out, make the most of your physical attacks to cancel! cancel! cancel! and put a gag order on all his attacks.

BODY
LV: 25 HP: 8000
XP: 210 SC: 720
MC: 0 GP: 0
HEAD.....HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 800
RIGHT HAND.....HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0
LEFT HAND.....HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0



The Body's Huge Leap will wreak cancel-havoc on your party...



...while the Starving Tongue will drain as much as 800HP from your party to the Body.

Saying Goodbye to Sweet Liligue

Go to the Inn, spend the night, and have a meal. The next day is a big one for our would-be cosmopolites: it's time to board the Skyway. Mind you, once you get on, there's no going back. So take advantage of this time to return to Agear, if you wish, and have another meal at Vyx's inn, over which you'll learn a little about the Beast-Man clans. When you're all good and finished, head to the Skyway Station. And blast -- um, that is to say -- glide off!



Once we board, we are not able to return so you had better make sure we are as prepared as we need to be.

LUMIR FOREST



LUMIR FOREST, CRASH SITE



Snow drifts will slow you down. It might seem cool the first time you experience this, but if an enemy that you're trying to avoid is on your tail, and you're caught in mid-trudge, well, how "cool" is it now? Some trees will drop their snow-load on top of your party's heads. It won't engender any kind of damage within your ranks, but it will slow you down just as much as the other drift piles.



It's common sense that fire-based magic will decimate the Big Foots. Big Feet. And yes, Burn will immolate them good, all dripping fats like, as will Ryudo's fire-based Flamelberge -- but Hand Grenades actually don't work so well. Go figure. If you make sure to fight all the enemies you come across in this area, you should have a healthy slew of SC and MC to play around with for powering up.

Welcome to Snow Country



AREA MONSTERS

BIG FOOT

LV: 19 HP: 750
MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 162 Mov: 70 Act: 82
Mag Def: 107
XP: 29 SC: 47 MC: 35 GP: 46
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Myriad Power Lumir Flower
Nut

GIANT CRAB

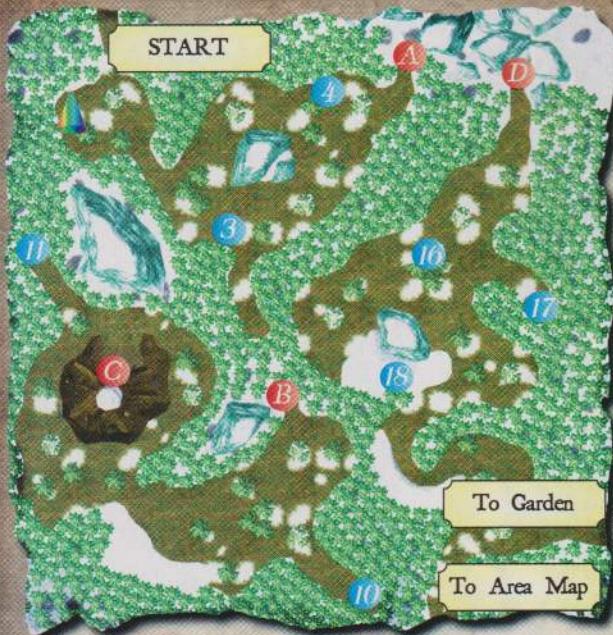
LV: 19 HP: 560
MP: 0 SP: 70
Def: 152 Mov: 69 Act: 67
Mag Def: 86
XP: 36 SC: 37 MC: 37 GP: 12
Strong vs. Earth

ITEMS

Healing Herb Quake Stone

HUGE CATERPILLAR

LV: 19 HP: 630
MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 131 Mov: 50 Act: 72
Mag Def: 97
XP: 21 SC: 33 MC: 36 GP: 5
ITEMS
Poison Antidote Pretty Ring



LUMIR FOREST



THE GARDEN
OF DREAMS

CAVERN 1



CAVERN 2



This area requires you to go into the caverns, pop out into another section of the forest, pop into a different cavern entrance, ad nauseum. You'll want to follow the markers on the map in order to get your bearings. Sometimes there will be roots blocking the way that need to be cut. Press **X**, and cut them.

The Trouble with Crabs

Giant Crabs are the most annoying monsters in all of *Grandia II*. They're very difficult to avoid in the cavern, as they'll leap at you, rapidly prance on your pate in a crawfish quadrille, and... gah. It's even worse when the battle starts. You'll be prone to their equally quadridiastic "Sleep Dance," which will take a party member out of effective use in combat and into slumberland.



How could something so agitating send someone to sleep?

Hidden Halls...and Organic Pumps?

There are two concealed tunnels in the Caverns: 1: Chop the vines couched in the wall on the way out of Cavern 1, and down the passage you'll find some Odd Wooden Clogs: totally worthless for equipping if you already have Hunters Boots.



2: In Cavern 2, you have to cut the vines that are sucking the water puddle to open the gates. The northern one leads to the powerful Oracle's Staff for Elena. The west and east passages are dead-ends, but the southern one leads further on in. Near the end of this section you'll come across another hidden passage on your right, which leads to a corridor containing 1200G.

MIRUMU VILLAGE



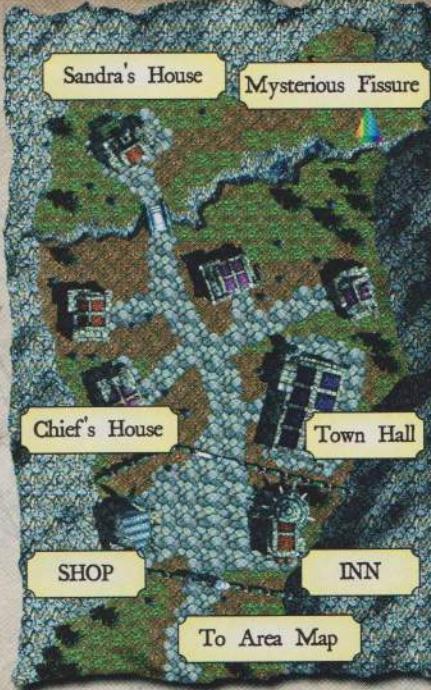
SHOP

• • W E A P O N S • •

Swordfish Sword.....	2200G
Oracle's Staff.....	1800G
Flying Fish Bow.....	2400G
Flint Knife.....	2000G
Hammer Axe.....	2200G

• • A R M O R • •

Pixie's Role.....	2600G
Swordfish Armor.....	2800G
Feathered Hat.....	1120G
Magnolia Bandana.....	1080G
Swordfish Helmet.....	1250G
Crampons.....	420G
Arctic Cape.....	800G
Earth Charm.....	400G
Poison Charm.....	250G
Paralysis Charm.....	250G



SHOP

• • I T E M S • •

Medicinal Herb.....	10G
Wound Salve.....	24G
Healing Herl.....	50G
Poison Antidote.....	14G
Paralysis Salve.....	14G
Purifying Herb.....	40G
Torte's Reedpipe.....	30G
Smelling Salts.....	20G
Lumir Flower.....	40G
Blueberry.....	40G
Mogay Bomb.....	250G
Insecticide Bomb.....	60G
Sleeping Harp.....	250G

MIRUMU VILLAGE

Fade Now into Mirumu

At the end of Lumir, a thick fog will come in and basically destroy visibility. The only place to go at this point is the Garden of Dreams. Enter, and experience a bizarre interlude with a little girl. Following this, you'll be transported a few steps back from where you entered the garden. Go forward and you'll see that a fence is now blocking the garden entrance. Proceed out and to the map screen.



The mystery pervading Mirumu begins here...



Later on, you'll find out the truth behind Mirumu's architecture.



Things to Do While in Mirumu

When you arrive in Mirumu, you'll be instantly assaulted with pleas for help: the whole populace has fallen ill to a kind of sleeping "sickness." The order of places in which to proceed to advance the game's narcoleptic narrative at this point is: the Town Hall (to talk to the Chief); the Inn (to speak with Irina); to the north to meet Aira and her mother Sandra (the progressive, *laissez-faire* mother hated by the populace); then inside of Sandra's house for dinner; finally, after hearing Aira's seemingly demented augur of "scary people," back outside to meet Selene and the Cathedral Knights instituting an inquisition at the front gate. Oh, and off to the Inn for a family meal.

We now continue playing connect the event-dots. Following Ryudo's surreal nightmare, you'll want to look out the window, for some, oh, I don't know, fresh air, perhaps? But, CRIKEY! It's a big flapping eyeball. Trouble is afoot. Go check on Miss Irina, and when Ryudo sees that what's happened to her is what's just happened to himself, he's roused to action! You'll notice that the lick-tastic, screamingly electric guitar has kicked in, which signifies "the tension of the situation," and a woman has begun to wail bloodcurdlingly to underscore "the situation's calamity." If you haven't purchased weapons, you can still do so; and while you might not need it just yet, be sure to purchase the "Flying Fish Bow," because the only bow-user you know, Ms. Millenia, is bound to pop up sometime in the relatively near future.

Once you're ready to rumble and tumble, head to the north near the save point and the "fissure." That's where the eyeballs have vanished, as Skye will tell you. Save, and enter inside. Be sure to take lots of Healing Herbs, or at least Lumir Flowers or Blueberries to regenerate MP used up while casting heal spells. Sorry, there's no Yomi's Elixir for sale yet at this point in the game.



Village Chief
So you've finally come to the village, eh? I hope I can help you out.



Village Chief
The dreams. Ever since falling asleep, all of the villagers keep having the same dream.



Sandra
YOU! Get away from Aira! What are you trying to do to her!?



Sandra
There are those who do not eat Aira well. The innkeeper's spot would feel it if you were to eat Aira with him.

Like her daughter's eyesight, Sandra's patience has also vanished. Will she accept you for who you are?

Of course she will! Shortly after being harangued, go inside of her house for a sit-down meal.



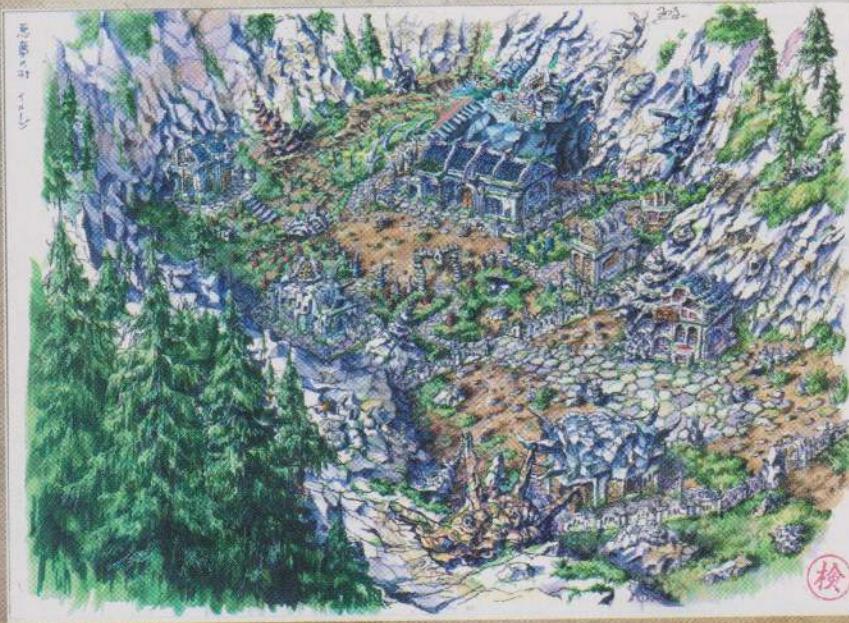
Ryudo
Name's Ryudo. The Sister is under my protection.



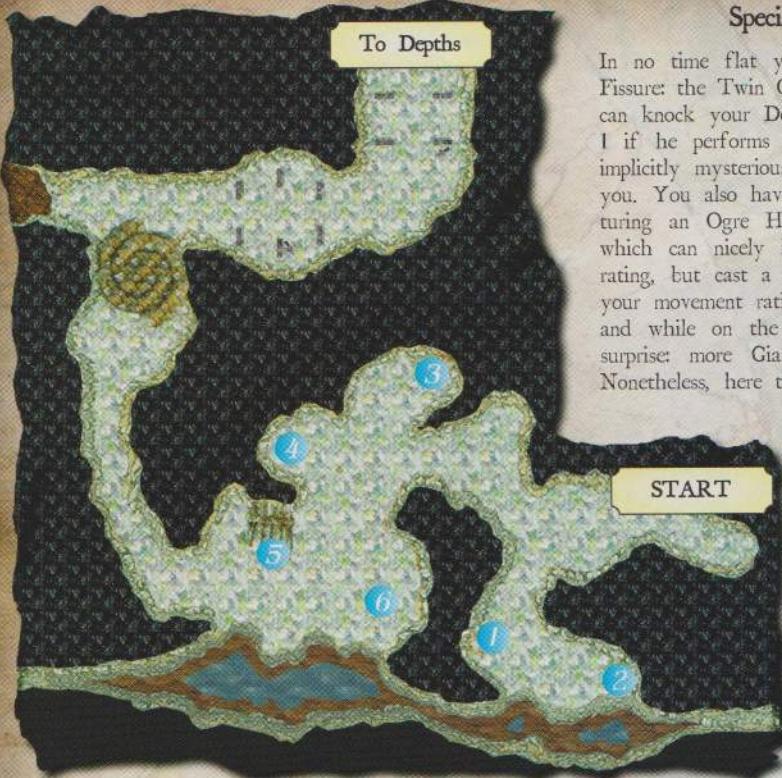
You'll notice the different way each party member has of eating... then you'll notice Mareg's in particular.



The gaping rock maw in the northeast of the town is the entrance to the Mysterious Fissure. It's got eyes for you.



MYSTERIOUS FISSURE



MYSTERIOUS FISSURE, UNDERGROUND

ITEMS

- 1 Raincoat
- 2 500G
- 3 Wing Boots
- 4 Bone Harp
- 5 1500G
- 6 Purifying Herb

There's a Giant Crab hanging out on the ribbon-bone tunnel-arch structure. He'll leap if you walk in front of him, all right! Oh he'll pounce!

The spiraling stone pathway is a rather nice touch put in place by the architects of the Mysterious Fissure.



Special Artifact in the Ogre Trove

In no time flat you'll encounter a new enemy in the Mysterious Fissure: the Twin Ogre. This misshapen, decidedly non-twinnish beast can knock your Defense level down by 1 if he performs the colorfully-named, implicitly mysterious "Throw Buddy" on you. You also have the chance of capturing an Ogre Helm after the fight, which can nicely increase your defense rating, but cast a long shadow all over your movement rating. Best sell it. Oh, and while on the subject of monsters, surprise: more Giant Crabs. And no-one wants that. Do they? Nonetheless, here they are.

Coins	EXP Pts	54 EXP
	Special Coins	104
	Magic Coins	34
	Gold	34
Items		
	Ogre Helm	

AREA MONSTERS

TWIN OGRE

	LV: 20	HP: 680
MP: 0	SP: 130	
Def: 150	Mov: 70	Act: 77
XP: 27	SC: 52	MC: 29 GP: 38
ITEMS		
Hand Grenade	Ogre Helm	

HAMMERHEAD

	LV: 20	HP: 830
MP: 0	SP: 180	
Def: 156	Mov: 102	Act: 88
XP: 33	SC: 48	MC: 38 GP: 48
Weak vs. Ice, Strong vs. Lightning		
ITEMS		
Paralysis Salve	Seed of Life	

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Giant Crab
(see page 27)



MYSTERIOUS FISSURE, DEPTHS

BOSS

EYEBALL BATS



Here are the Eyeball Bats! Tenciken Slash, Beast-Fang Cut, Golden Hammer, the Crackle spell: these are all effective attacks against the Bats. They're quick and frisky, so it's a good idea to stick with some range attacks if you can. They have a powerful multi-member move called the Delta Burst which will do serious damage to a single member of your party, so pick them off as fast as you can! The reward will be another valuable Skill Book, the *Book of Warriors*.

LV: 19 HP: 4200
MP: 0 SP: 360
XP: 50 SC: 225
MC: 225 GP: 195

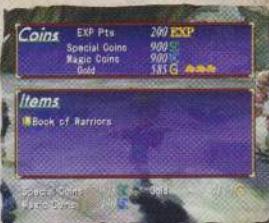
Statistics apply to each Eyeball Bat individually.



The Town Hall seems to portend a death-knell for the village of Mirumu. Things are looking pretty bad here.



Being summoned to see Selene doesn't portend a hearty round of congratulations. The plot only thickens.



If the Eyeball Bats really begin to wear your patience thin, you may want to have the heads-up that this won't be your last skirmish with their lot. As such, think of this as practice, because they await you alongside a much greater danger soon enough in Aira's Space.



Ryudo's assessment of the nightmare situation as it's unfolded so far is, considering his own eye-encounter, one that touches close to home. After discussing what's going down all throughout Mirumu, a messenger will come in saying that Selene requests your presence at the Town Hall. You'll walk in to a scene right out of a cult tragedy the moment you enter, but instead of being dead, everyone's just asleep. After hearing Selene out, more connect-the-dots: go towards the Fissure to see Aira; then to the shed behind Sandra's house; follow Aira down the hole; back to Sandra's house in Mirumu; then back to the Garden. (Millenia will join up and replace Elena.)



This is Aira's play-space: a shed behind the house. Follow her down the hole to see where else she plays...

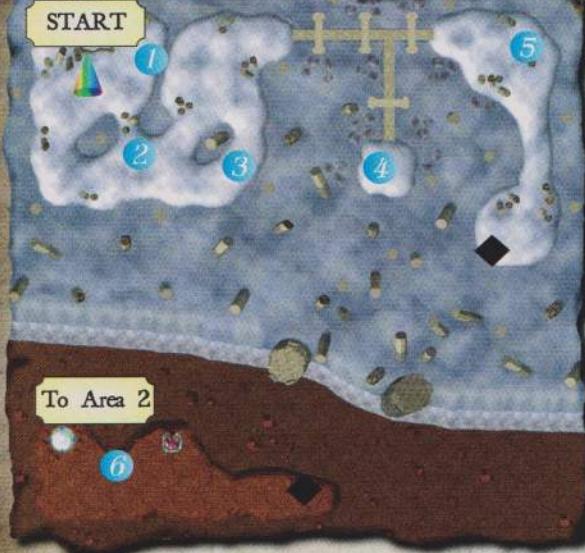


Sandra's entire world is falling apart. You'll need to go to the Garden of Dreams to help reassemble the pieces.

AIRAS SPACE



START



AIRAS SPACE 1



Step inside Aira's mind...



Out of nowhere, Star Mirages will descend upon your party. Fight, then restore.

ITEMS

- 1 Silver Feather
- 2 500G
- 3 Yomi's Elixir
- 4 Red Shoes
- 5 500G
- 6 1500G

Ring the bell. Just as you might have expected, a flying whale comes to meet you at the precipice to transport you from the first area's misty portion to its rocky portion.



The Inner Life of Aira

Aira's Space is a surreal world poised somewhere in the expanse between Dali and stage magic. Mere moments after you step through that first portal, you'll enter Area 1. This first area makes a point of swathing your party in misty fog, and equally foggy mist. This makes it quite easy to BAP! bump into a Star Mirage, the main creatures found in the Space. They'll materialize out of nowhere, and then BAP! it's battle-time. You can be as "careful" as you want to be -- their Power Press attack will still flatten you out and cancel your turn abruptly. Keep casting Crackle (they're weak against ice magic) and return to the save point to restore as necessary. Or be a real party-pooper and use Millenia's Fallen Wings to swipe through their entire flanks and end things quickly, before restoring. As you can see there are many ways to hand a Star Mirage its ticket... to permanent dematerialization.

AREA MONSTERS

STAR MIRAGE

	LV: 21	HP: 720
MP: 0	SP: 160	
Def: 129	Mov: 78	Act: 80
Mag Def: 112		
XP: 16	SC: 39	MC: 19 GP: 73
Weak vs. Ice, Strong vs. Earth		
ITEMS		
Eye Drops	Seed of Running	

HELLHOUND

	LV: 22	HP: 580
MP: 110	SP: 0	
Def: 159	Mov: 82	Act: 97
Mag Def: 138		
XP: 19	SC: 22	MC: 53 GP: 54
Weak vs. Ice, Strong vs. Fire		
ITEMS		
Firebomb	Ogre Slayer	

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Huge Caterpillar
(see page 27)

Twin Ogre
(see page 31)

Hammerhead
(see page 31)

Being at One with Your Environment

One of the main perils in the second area of Aira's Space are the toothy pits that will seemingly emerge from nowhere, only to open beneath your feet and delve out some damage to any party member with which they make contact. Their locations are marked on the map (that would be the fangy pits), so there should be no surprises where you'll encounter that little magic trick. However, there's no trick whatsoever to crossing the bridges to which the eyeballs are latched.



Stand in front of them, and press **X**. As you might have guessed,

ITEMS

7 Battle Manicure

8 Illusion Clothes
Mirage Earring
Bonds of Trust

9 500G

10 Moebius Ring

11 1500G

12 500G



ROOM OF SOLITUDE

BOSS

VALMAR'S EYE



BODY

LV: 30 HP: 12000

XP: 800 SC: 1800

MC: 1800 GP: 0

R.TENDRIL.....HP: 6000

XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 500

L.TENDRIL.....HP: 6000

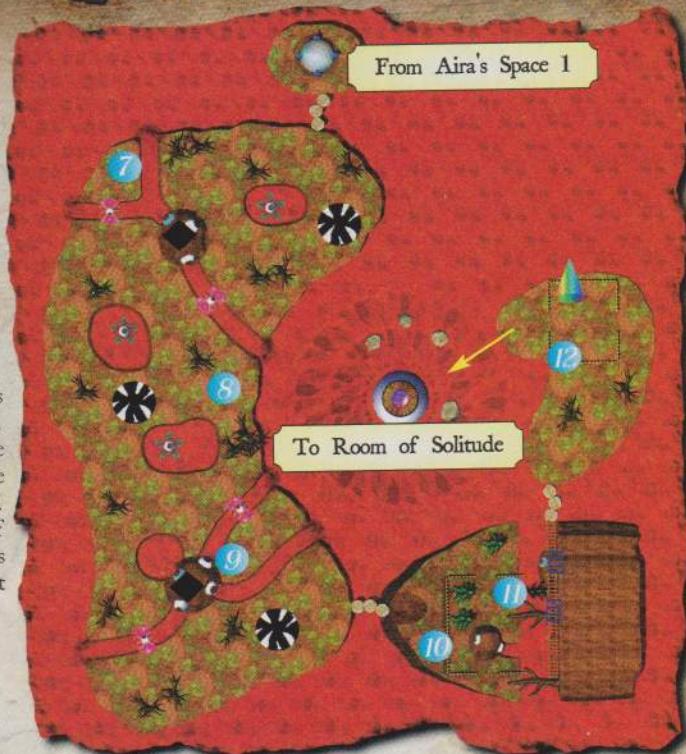
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

EYEBALL BATS..HP: 3000

XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 300

This is a difficult battle -- for the most part because of the FOUR Eyeball Bats that are swarming around the main body. The most effective survival strategy would be to have someone cast Alhealer during each turn. Here's how to keep coping: first and foremost, destroy the Left Tendril and the Eyeball Bats before you do anything else!!! Start with Fallen Wings right off the bat (pun intended!), then keep casting Snoozz on the Bats and Shh! on Valmar's Eye to block the casting of spells. Inbetween, strike the Eyeball Bats with Burnflame. When you get down to fighting the main body, focus on cancelling his attacks like the Spellbinding Eye and Crackle spell with Criticals. Reward-wise, you'll come away with a Warp Knife from the Right Tendril, a Gravity Egg from the Left, and the Demon's Tears from the Body.

From Aira's Space 1



AIRA'S SPACE 2

The Pillars Have Eyes

Right at the end, two pillars will rise up and you'll be enclosed like pigs in a pen, ravaged by Hellhounds! You might be lucky when fighting these beasts and procure a powerful Ogre Slayer for Ryudo.



Besides being a generally gruesome scourge inflicted on your party in the final battle, the Spellbinding Eye also stands as one of the most striking visuals in all of *Grandia II*.



When the job is done, go to the Inn for the requisite after-dungeon meal before leaving town, and dig in to a discussion revolving around Mirumu's architecture.

ST. HEIM MOUNTAINS



ITEMS

- 1 Guard Mushroom
- 2 500G
- 3 Seed of Life
- 4 Lion Field Garb
- 5 1500G
- 6 500G
- 7 Scattering Stone

Get ready to navigate back and forth between several areas. Use the maps on this page and next to help keep track!

- 8 Mogay Bomb
- 9 Scroll of Alheal
- 10 500G
- 11 1500G
- 12 Yomi's Elixir
- 13 Mach Boots
- 14 1500G

AREA MONSTERS

CHAMELEON

LV: 24 HP: 780
MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 165 Mov: 61 Act: 83
Mag Def: 125
XP: 14 SC: 27 MC: 13 GP: 50
ITEMS
Purifying Herb Mirage Earring

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Giant Crab
(see page 27)
Big Foot
(see page 27)
Twin Ogre
(see page 31)
Hammerhead
(see page 31)



Make the Leap

RPG meets platformer as you press **X** and leap across the rocks in front of the cascading falls. Now that takes some serious derring-do. Dare to do it!



Scrape Scrape THUNK

Push the rock standing near the ledge in the segment containing doorways **H** and **I** to make a staircase down to the Mach Boots. As you might expect, these kicks go fast.





HALFWAY UP



WATERFALL

The Horror of the Undesired Steam Presses

These steam-jets that burst forth from the rock in the last stretch of the Halfway Up area will not only damage whoever gets in their way; they'll also knock your party down to the lower level. Like it won't take you three seconds to walk back to your original position. Just don't make the same "mistake" a second time.



If you don't want to get knocked down, it may benefit you just to pause a moment and let the steam subside.

ITEMS

- 15 500G
- 16 Dragonslayer Axe
- 17 Holy Wound Salve
- 18 500G
- 19 1500G
- 20 Seed of Spells
- 21 Battle Manicure
Silver Feather
Godspeed Ring

Peacetime Interludes



At the beginning of the Halfway Up area your party will set up camp for a second time in these mountains.

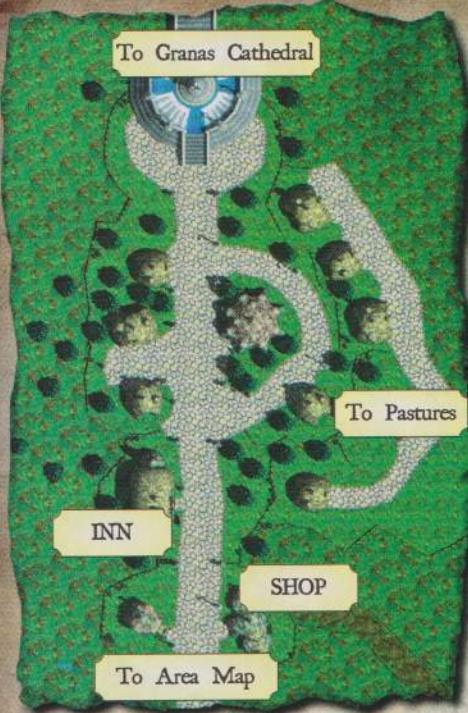
This Is a Hatchet Job

It's rare in *Grandia II* to come across a devastating new weapon solely sitting, crying out *Seize me*. Have your eye on that lovely Dragonslayer Axe that's been made unreachable by the tons of force plummeting from the fall? Sure; it's a tempting display, looking all strong and appropriate for Marcy, after all. Well everyone can window-shop... but only a select few might figure out what it takes to get. And we're here to tell you how to pull it off. Ready? Walk around to the overhang. Stand by the rock... and **push X**. This, then, is a dying fall. Axe and you shall receive.



Sometimes there's definitely something that can stop the flow; here, a mammoth boulder.

ST. HEIM PAPAL STATE



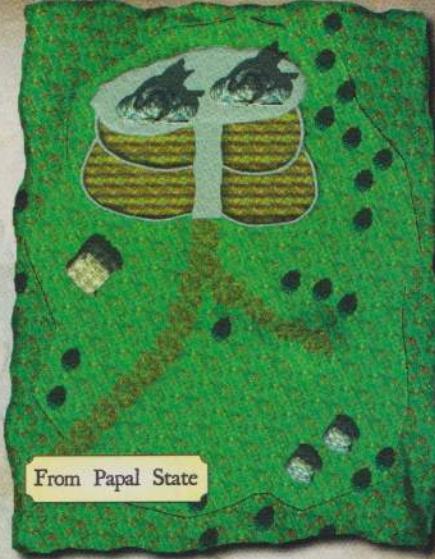
St. HEIM PAPAL STATE



Ryudo hits the library.



These Squeak-baa are too cute.



PASTURES

Arrival in the Blessed Land

You've arrived in the land of Zera: the crusade is over. The first thing you'll want to do now that you're here is have dinner at the Inn. When the messenger interrupts moments into the meal to beckon you to the Cathedral, well, follow, but not before you explore the library (read all the volumes of *The Holy Light* and *The Light of Lord Granas*), the bakery, and the pasture. Yes, the pasture... you might not find any shepherds with pan flutes, but you will have your first full-on squeak-baa encounter *en masse*. Enjoy.

SHOP

• • W E A P O N S • •

Claymore.....	3600G
Sister's Staff.....	3500G
Halberd.....	4400G
• • A R M O R • •	
Sister's Robe.....	4500G
Sister's Hat.....	1750G
Heavy Boots.....	800G
Healing Ring.....	500G
Poison Charm.....	250G
Sleep Charm.....	250G
Confusion Charm.....	250G

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Paralysis Charm.....	250G
Move Block Charm.....	250G
Magic Block Charm.....	400G
Wound Salve.....	24G
Holy Wound Salve.....	60G
Healing Herb.....	50G
Scroll of Alheal.....	120G
Poison Antidote.....	14G
Paralysis Salve.....	14G
Purifying Herb.....	40G
Torte's Reedpipe.....	30G

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Smelling Salts.....	20G
Move Blessing.....	50G
Magic Blessing.....	50G
Yomi's Elixir.....	500G
Butter Roll.....	120G
Fresh Sandwich.....	100G
Mogay Bomb.....	250G
Holy Ashes.....	200G
Myriad Power Nut.....	20G
Patience Nut.....	20G
Sympathy Nut.....	20G
Swiftness Nut.....	20G



GRANAS CATHEDRAL

Plenty of Room for the Soul

The Cathedral's architecture is yet another world-class affair; tithing for Granas must reach far and wide. There's more scripture worth perusing in the library here, so duck inside there before you head to the main corridor for your audience with Zera and Elena. Listen as his speech plays out, then follow him into his private quarters.



Containing all the lavish frills of a true holy state.



Behold, his radiant holiness, Zera Innocentius.

Guest of a Spiritual Host

Head up the library to report back to Mareg and Roan about the audience with the Pope, then lead them to your quarters. A nice little meal will be set up, but before you start inhaling biscuits, someone will scutter into the room and break some "evil" news. Head to the Cathedral Balcony to be an eyewitness. Connecting the next dot entails heading to the main room to talk to Zera where you'll receive... the Book of Priests!



What lies behind the curtain in the Pope's room? Answer: Nothing.



Before you leave, talk to the man near the entrance. He'll ask you to convey a message to his son Mark in Cyrum, and give you a Poff Nut in exchange. Spend the Night at the Inn too before you leave. Topic of discussion: church-dinner food.



PILGRIM ROAD



PILGRIM ROAD

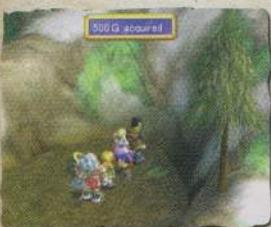
It's well worth exploring the wilderness on both sides of this area, a beautifully constructed walkway leading from the St. Heim Papal State to the nearby Raul Hills. Unfortunately the banister of this holy promenade has fallen into ruin, but this works to your advantage: there's some heavy-duty treasure stock waiting to be inventoried on both sides. Collect from one section, then switch to another. The final portion can be explored not by using a ladder, but by simply traipsing through the rubble where the wall has given way. Of course you'll have some brushes with the wildlife, but it's nothing you haven't fought before.

AREA MONSTERS

- 1 Big Foot
(see page 27)
- 2 Twin Ogre
(see page 31)
- 3 Chameleon
(see page 35)

ITEMS

- 1 Magic Blessing
- 2 Poisoned Knife
- 3 Holy Wound Salve
- 4 1500G
- 5 500G
- 6 500G
- 7 500G
- 8 Seed of Moves
- 9 Poff Nut
- 10 Bravery Bandana



RAUL HILLS



Let's Nuts!

Raul Hills: a giant area in which you can run rampant in a field like kids at play, discover nutritious nuts inside of giant, unsettling pink puffs, race through a labyrinth, and even float downstream on a tiny boat. You'll actually be able to access this place again much later, but for now: "just have fun with it."

AREA MONSTERS



DRAGONOID

LV: 26 HP: 960

MP: 50 SP: 80

Def: 182 Mov: 94 Act: 93

Mag Def: 132

XP: 32 SC: 31 MC: 42 GP: 63

ITEMS

Flame Stone Seed of Power



LAND COUGAR

LV: 26 HP: 1000

MP: 180 SP: 0

Def: 170 Mov: 103 Act: 112

Mag Def: 42

XP: 25 SC: 17 MC: 49 GP: 22

ITEMS

Scroll of Alheal Gale Stone

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Twin Ogre
(see page 31)

Chameleon
(see page 35)



RAUL HILLS 1



ITEMS

1 Thunder Ring

2 Buster Flail

3 1500G

4 500G

5 BlackQuartz Helm

ITEMS

- 6 1500G
- 7 Earthen Cuirass
- 8 Golden Nut
- 9 1500G
- 10 Seed of Life
- 11 Exhaustion Nut
- 12 500G
- 13 Weakness Nut
- 14 Golden Nut
- 15 Seed of Psyche
- 16 Seed of Life
- 17 Myriad Power Nut



- 18 Gold Nut
- 19 Seed of Defense
- 20 Seed of Power
- 21 Quake Stone
- 22 Scroll of Alheal
- 23 Rage Ring
- 24 Revival Gem
- 25 Golden Nut
- 26 Seed of Magic
- 27 Golden Nut
- 28 Patience Nut



RAUL HILLS 2

Land Cougars: in a word, *celeritous*. Whether this is due to their inherent cougar-ness, or their casting of Runner almost every time a battle begins, you'll be seeing a lot of "Sways" in your future when your weapon tries to make contact with their miserable hides. They love casting Howlslash, too, which makes them all the more...delightful.



Carve steps out of these rocks, and march on up to get the only tri-treasure-trove in Raul Hills.



If you hunt for just one thing in the labyrinth, make it the Earthen Cuirass.



Hop on the boat and whisk away on a bracing downstream voyage to the exit.

CYRUM KINGDOM



CYRUM PORT



Temporary Asylum in Cyrum

The majestic kingdom of Cyrum sprawls over a complicated series of waterworks and canals. There's much to take in, but first rest up and visit the shop. When you finally do begin looking into the goings-on in town, you'll find Paella and Gonzola in the second house. They'll talk to you about setting up a troupe in the bazaar, an area in Cyrum where artistic expression and then some flows unabated. (While scouring the houses, note that you can get down with some Mau Song Lyrics by investigating the manuscript in the fourth house, near where the picture falls from the wall.)

SHOP

• • W E A P O N S • •

Shadowblade.....	4000G
Blazing Staff.....	4200G
Whirlwind Staff.....	4200G
Quarry Staff.....	4200G
Arbalest.....	4500G
Main Gauche.....	4600G
Halberd.....	4400G

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Purple Robe.....	4500G
BlackQuartz Mail.....	5500G
Wizard's Hat.....	2000G
BlackQuartz Helm.....	2200G
Magic Hi-Heels.....	1100G
Magical Brace.....	1500G
Anklet.....	1000G

• • I T E M S • •

Fire Charm.....	400G
Wind Charm.....	400G
Earth Charm.....	400G
Lightning Charm.....	400G
Blizzard Charm.....	400G
Wound Salve.....	24G
Holy Wound Salve.....	60G
Healing Herb.....	50G
Scroll of Alheal.....	120G
Poison Antidote.....	14G
Paralysis Salve.....	14G
Purifying Herb.....	40G
Torte's Reedpipe.....	30G
Smelling Salts.....	20G
Move Blessing.....	50G

• • I T E M S • •

Magic Blessing.....	50G
Yomi's Elixir.....	500G
Flame Stone.....	200G
Galc Stone.....	200G
Quake Stone.....	200G
Electrum Stone.....	250G
Icefang Stone.....	150G
Powerless Nut.....	50G
Weaknuss Nut.....	50G
Exhaustion Nut.....	50G
Slowpoke Nut.....	50G

A Message from Dad



Remember the father in St. Heim who wanted you to pass a loving word on to his son? Well, said son Mark can be found hanging out in the Port. Out of appreciation for your message, he'll give you a couple Poff Nuts.

An Encounter with Hemble

The further you wind into Cyrum, you'll eventually come to the bazaar. Now, you've probably heard a few things about a bloke called Hemble. If you amble up to this fellow (he's the one in the bona cap standing in front of a tent), Elena by your side, you'll get to come inside and shoot the breeze, paddle some palare back and forth. What's the benefit of this? Some excellent pilferings. Hemble has one eye on Skye, and Ryudo in hand when a test of strength suddenly gets pulled to the table! The game is arm-wrestling, and here's how it works. Pressing **R1** adds Power, but takes away Endurance, which you can rebuild by pushing **X** -- but at what cost? The cost of your Power "give" gives way to "take." As Hemble will explain, you can't do both simultaneously. You'll definitely win the first round, but you're going to want to return for the real darling prizes. Step outside of the tent, and Elena will express interest in having a rest, and maybe something to drink. Ryudo is so intent on obsequiously doting on Elena that you can't say more than a few words to anyone until you hit that drink stand... but put that off for a moment and return to Hemble. The trick in beating him and winning his treasures is to always get his arm on your side; it's a downhill battle from there. Don't mash down on **R1**; you've got to be delicate on the trigger -- use your left hand on the trigger and your right to rapid-press **X** as necessary. If you push **R1** just the right way, you'll experience instances where your Endurance will increase or even stay level for a few seconds with your Power holding steady, giving you a definite edge. As such, watch the meters and always keep your Power bar filled greater than his to overpower his strength. You can retry indefinitely.

Prizes from Hemble

1. Revival Gem
2. Hero's Elixir
3. Silver Freeze
4. Gold Feather
5. Glass Slippers

Smiling for Fishies

Go to the fish stand, and win a Poff Nut by "smiling" at the fish -- of course you'll need to talk to the little girl at the beginning of the bazaar to learn so fierce a strategy before it can be executed. Ryudo's totally inept at the game, but if you go with Elena and let her give it a try, you'll catch one and get a Poff Nut. Millenia's a born natural at the game, and letting her flash a grin will also result in nabbing another Poff Nut.



This little girl's advice on fish is not necessarily to be thrown back into the water...

That Is Some Fresh Juice

At the juice stand, pick the fourth drink, which is represented by a blank space. It's Cyrum Palm Juice, and when you bring it back, you'll find it isn't Elena you're presenting it to anymore...



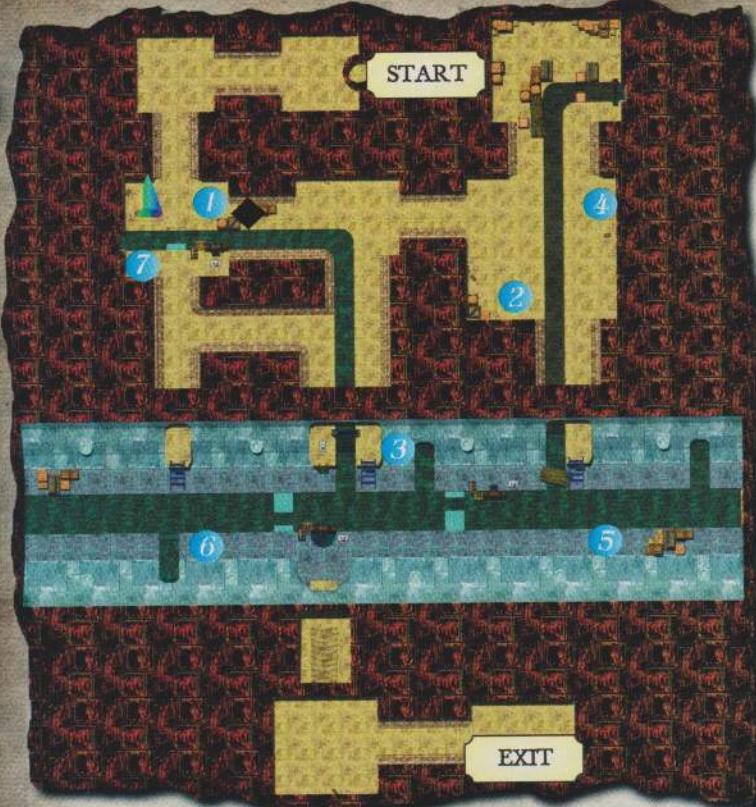
Punting to the Castle



Walk to near the entrance of the bazaar to watch the Mau troupe perform. Roan and Mareg will resurface, and you'll learn about the trouble in the castle that makes your immediate presence there so imperative. Speak to the guard near the boat, and climb aboard. It's off to the Castle now.



CYRUM CASTLE



CYRUM CASTLE

ITEMS

- 1 Move Blessing
- 2 2100G
- 3 Lightning Tiara
- 4 Electrum Stone
- 5 Silver Feather
- 6 700G
- 7 Magical Brace

Carro Lights Up the Mood

See Carro? Give him three Poff Nuts and he'll light up and attach himself at waist-level on Ryudo. This makes for some nice illumination, but not really much else. Therefore, if you don't have enough Poff Nuts, don't sweat missing this trick. Trudging through damp sub-Cyrum, Carro on hips, you've found the second and final use for Poff Nuts in the entire game.



AREA MONSTERS

	SKULL SNAIL
LV: 27	HP: 920
MP: 150	SP: 110
Def: 168	Mov: 51 Act: 73
Mag Def: 144	
XP: 30	SC: 25 MG: 46 GP: 15
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice	
ITEMS	
Icefang Stone	Bone Harp

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Chameleon
(see page 35)

Dragonoid
(see page 40)

Storming the Castle

The door around the side is locked, so just go along with what Paultk says and drop down the hatch. You've got a dungeon-level to trawl through before making it to the royal chambers.

TO CYRUM CASTLE SECRET PASSAGE





Simply put, you'll want to push the box to cross over the waterway.

The Cogs Behind the Seams

Some involved lever pulling here. Basically whenever you see the mechanism jutting up from the ground, give it a pull with **X** to make water rise and your pathways accessible. Eventually you'll spot one on a precipice whose ladder allows no shimmying, as it's been twisted to pieces, so you'll have to come around and backtrack around and behind to get at it, which should only take a few seconds. Pull it to raise the water level, which makes the big cogs turn, opening the gate to the upstairs. If Carro came along for the ride, he'll scurry back into the hole before you exit this area.



Now that you've emerged upstairs, head on in to the room on the right after you've restored and saved. There you'll meet sagely old Menory who will clue you in on some of the doomy bodings of recent events. From there, check out the lobby, then head to the king's chambers to the left of the throne room and talk to the old monarch. Some explosive events are

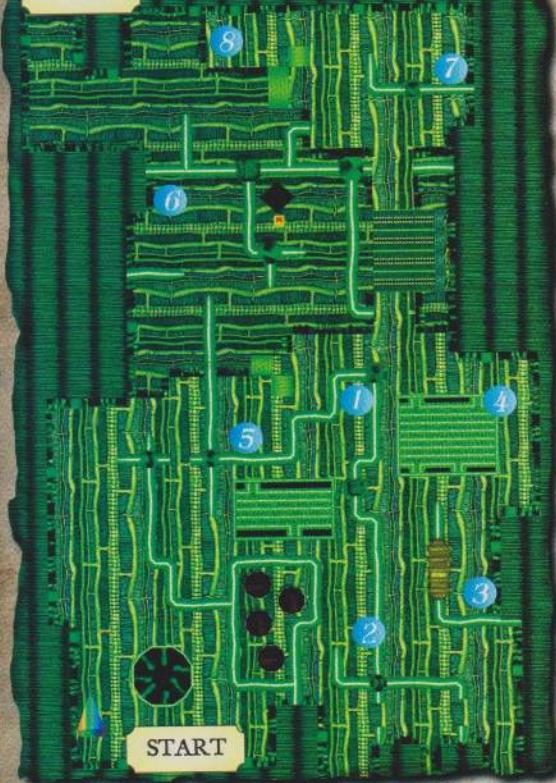
about to occur, with Roan now deeming it apropos to explain at this point why the Cyrumens refer to themselves, most perplexingly, as "the People of Darkness." This all said and done, go downstairs and through the unlocked gates. The underground canals weren't the castle's only subterranean secret...



UNDERGROUND PLANT



To Area 2



UNDERGROUND PLANT 1

ITEMS

- 1 Icffang Stone
- 2 700G
- 3 Soul Eater
- 4 Paralysis Salve
- 5 700G
- 6 2100G
- 7 Mana Harp
- 8 Move Blessing

Pipe Nightmares

Area 2 consists of a twisting network of pipes over which you'll have to scram and use to loop around — just follow the map. The mauve-maroon ones are all you have to worry about; the blue ones are just background dressing and are inaccessible. Map or not, though, if you happen to lose your bearing just follow the arrows painted on the pipes to get a general idea of where to go.



Productivity in the Plant

Welcome to the Underground Plant, appropriately named and appropriately colored. The first area is a relatively easy affair. Just wind further through its walled off sectors until you come across a console from which juts a heavy switch. Pull it down with **X** to make the long rollers tumble into position and create a crosswalk for your party to navigate to the exit.



AREA MONSTERS

WARP WARRIOR

LV: 27 HP: 850
MP: 0 SP: 280

Def: 194 Mov: 62 Act: 78
Mag Def: 136

XP: 28 SC: 59 MC: 3 GP: 41
Weak vs. Earth, Strong vs. Fire

ITEMS

Move Blessing Dark Ring

VEIN BRAIN

LV: 28 HP: 800
MP: 130 SP: 0

Def: 153 Mov: 80 Act: 116
Mag Def: 196

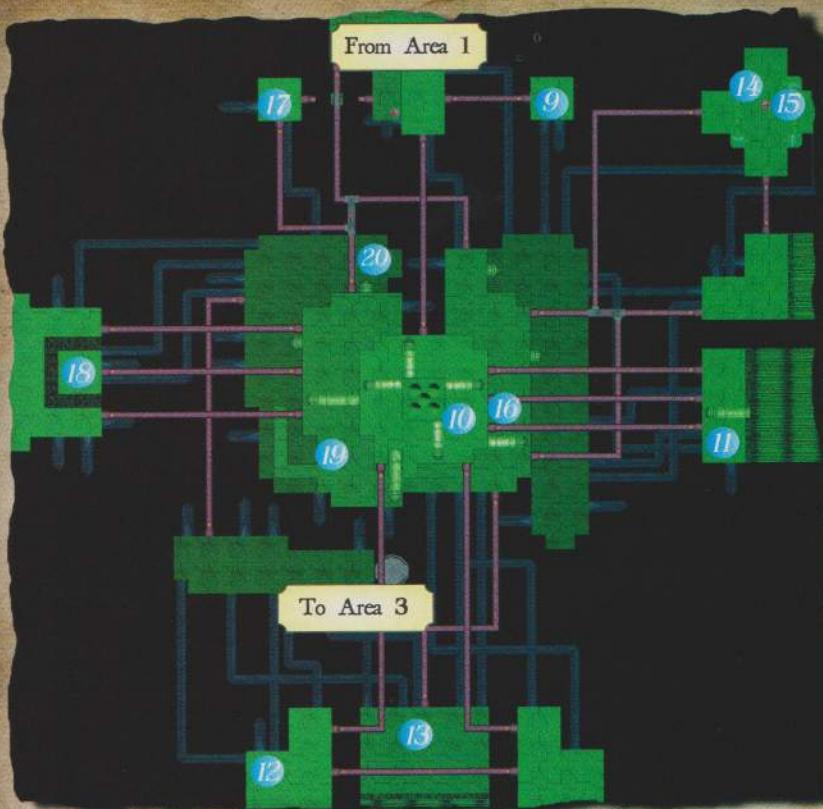
XP: 17 SC: 8 MC: 65 GP: 72
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Lightning

ITEMS

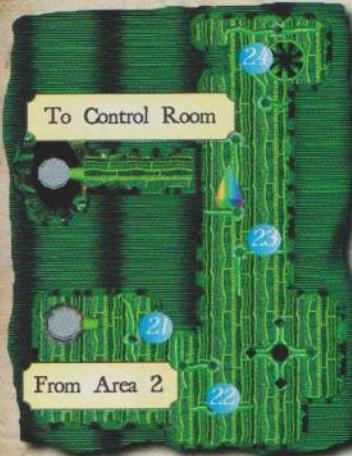
Electrum Stone Seed of Magic

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Dragonoid
(see page 40)
Skull Snail
(see page 44)



UNDERGROUND PLANT 2



UNDERGROUND PLANT 3

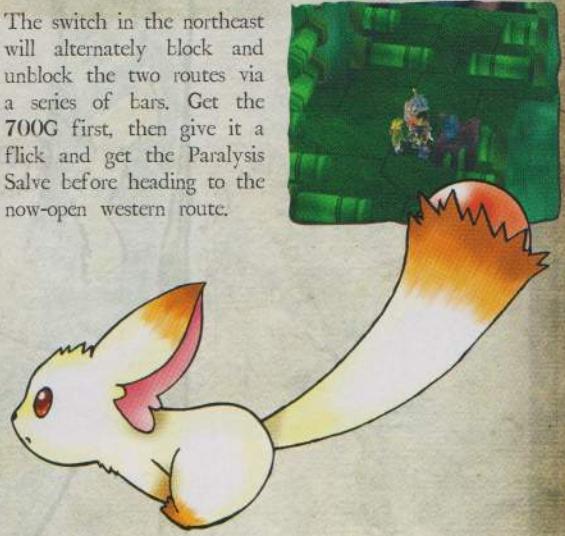


Press this switch, and the huge pipe will rotate your way. Cross on over.



Near the save point in Area 3 you need only pass near the westernmost wall to make it slide open, revealing a passage into the Underground Factory's Control Room.

The switch in the northeast will alternately block and unblock the two routes via a series of bars. Get the 700G first, then give it a flick and get the Paralysis Salve before heading to the now-open western route.



ITEMS

- 9 Dynamite
- 10 Revival Gem
- 11 2100G
- 12 700G
- 13 Forbear Necklace
- 14 700G
- 15 Paralysis Salve
- 16 2100G
- 17 700G
- 18 Fine Broadsword
- 19 Flame Stone
- 20 Miracle Elixir



CONTROL ROOM



Head to the King's Room once back inside the castle. Words will fly, passions will run high; here at the heart of the matter wafts the infamous stink that's been making Mareg's blood boil. You'll be forced to fight Melfice, but nothing you do can advance your party into the triumph of victory. You just need to stay alive here, attacking and healing, until this most disagreeable of siblings unleashes his final attack, the Wailing Soul Slash. It's a tour-de-force of death. The smell of "defeat" will now linger in the air.



BOSS

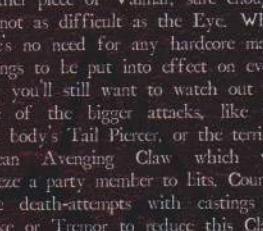


BODY
LV: 35 HP: 14000
XP: 1000 SC: 2400
MC: 1200 GP: 0

RIGHT ARM.....HP: 5000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 800

LEFT ARM.....HP: 9000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 2100

VALMAR'S CLAW



Another piece of Valmar, sure enough, but not as difficult as the Eye. While there's no need for any hardcore mass-healings to be put into effect on every turn, you'll still want to watch out for some of the bigger attacks, like the main body's Tail Piercer, or the terribly unclean Avenging Claw which will squeeze a party member to fits. Counter these death-attempts with castings of Quake or Tremor to reduce this Claw-thing to more of a hangnail HP-wise. But don't underestimate its last-hurrah tactic in the way of the Infernal Sigh: this can strike several party members at once... but since it's pretty weak, you probably can still go on underestimating if you feel so inclined. Towards the end just use simple Critical attacks to cancel. You'll receive the Mana Insignia from the Right Arm and the Book of Gales from the body proper.

Before you ship off with the unsurly Captain Bakala, you should travel to the St. Heim Papal State and to Mirumu for some new conversation with the locals, as (with the exception of St. Heim), you shall never return. You can spend the night in St. Heim for another charming Tio discussion, this time about "having a heart," and again in Mirumu to find out "how change is good."



Exit out the castle lobby's front door to get back to town. Hanging around outside is the glaze-eyed Automaton you met in the Plant. It turns out her name is Tio; you'll be even further acquainted in time, as she joins up with your party at that instant. Return to the Inn for a charming series of introductions with *Grandia II*'s latest and final party member.

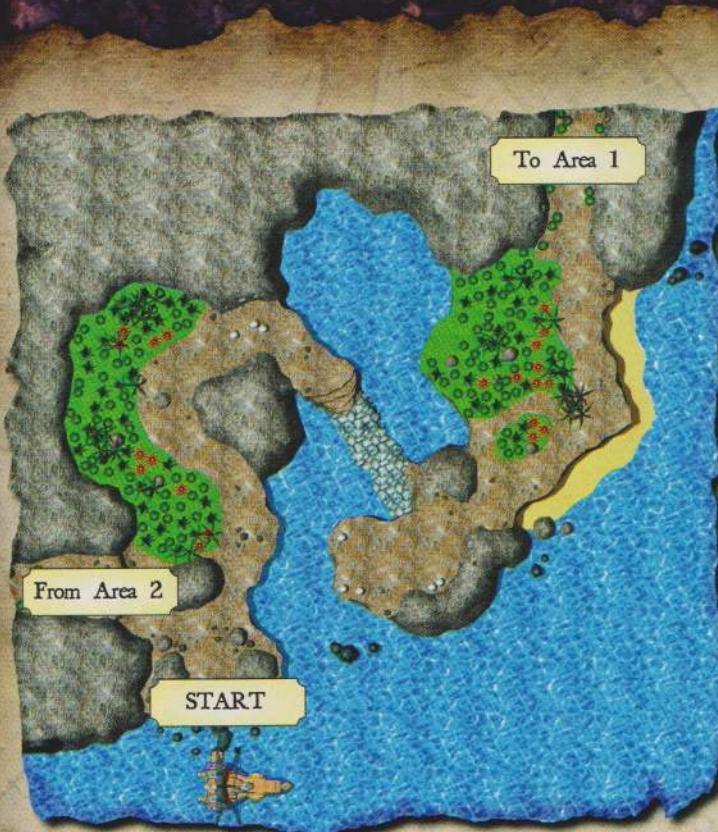


Status		Equipment Skills	
Tio	LV: 31	Q: Moon Claw A: Moon Claw C: Black Band D: Shadow Shoes E: Meteor Earring	
HP: 1218/1216	ATK: 221	DEF: 212	
MP: 142/140	AGI: 116	MOV: 132	
STR: 152	EXP: 15744	VIT: 150	Next LV: 32
MAG: 124	EXP: 356 EXP	SPD: 150	
END: 150		WEA: 150	
WEN: 150		ARM: 150	

Ready to set sail? Then ahoy, children of the world! Stock up on Electrum Stones if you can (a man in the harbor is right on giving this advice), because water-based creatures, quite sensibly, are scared pellet-less of lightning. Then talk to Bakala and hit the high -- very high -- seas.



CECEILE REEF



CECEILE REEF, POINT

All's Calm on a Clean Beach

Ceceile Reef is a beautiful stop and one well made -- all gently lapping waves, harmonious bird twitters, and fresh salty air. But soon enough while exploring its resources, you'll notice interesting pearl-shaped forms a short way down the path. Probably nothing to get worried about, right? Sure. The party will set up a nice camp in the area, which affords everyone brief respite on stable ground, and Ryudo the opportunity to find Elena and enjoy a heartfelt interlude.



Foiled Again! Bah!

An interlude that will be sorely interrupted by yet another monster-attack ambush. This time it will be a couple of dirty Crimson Claws. The only strategy here is to kill them in your favorite manner. Afterwards, you'll find that the tide is high, a clean path back to the ship temporarily eradicated. You'll have to move on, in the opposite direction, and spiral all the way around the Reef.

AREA MONSTERS

CRIMSON CLAW

LV: 30 HP: 1230
MP: 0 SP: 170
Def: 212 Mov: 71 Act: 92
Mag Def: 108
XP: 31 SC: 41 MC: 28 GP: 65
Weak vs. Lightning, Strong vs. Earth

ITEMS

Patience Nut Blessing Scroll

SCALY WARRIOR

LV: 30 HP: 1160
MP: 0 SP: 230
Def: 195 Mov: 41 Act: 103
Mag Def: 124
XP: 45 SC: 51 MC: 23 GP: 93
Weak vs. Lightning

ITEMS

Holy Wound Seed of Moves
Salve

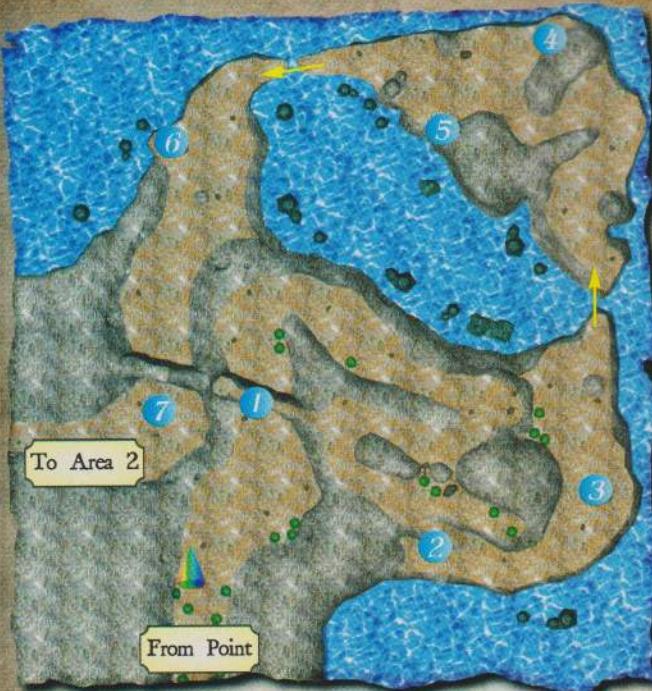
FLAME TOAD

LV: 30 HP: 940
MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 178 Mov: 100 Act: 87
Mag Def: 118
XP: 35 SC: 20 MC: 32 GP: 18
Weak vs. Lightning/Ice,
Strong vs. Fire

ITEMS

Dynamite Pretty Bracelet





CECEILE REEF 1



Watch it -- those filthy Crimson Claws will spring out from their nest holes at the beginning of Area 1, down onto your head in true *Grandia*-crustacean fashion. Once you find the Dragonfly Slayer for Mareg, you'll really start to cut through their ranks 'n flanks: this axe can do between 380 and 650 points of damage to anything in a shell. Alternate between this weapon and his regular axe as suited. (Sure this rigmarole takes a couple seconds, but it makes sense since you'll want to get these battles over with as quickly as possible, due to the sheer number.)



CECEILE REEF 2



The little realm of bumpy, half-submerged ground in Area 2 holds the Lullaby Staff and the Coral Necklace. You need to say "yes" to this equipment, and "no" to the sand-caked monsters hopping around nearby.



Return to the Point to reteam with a rather cavalier Captain Bakala. You've come full circle, and now it's time to depart... and to learn why "she" is called "the 50/50."



Break out the shallots, 'cause this savory "Tail" is going on the hibachi!

BOSS

CRIMSON TAIL



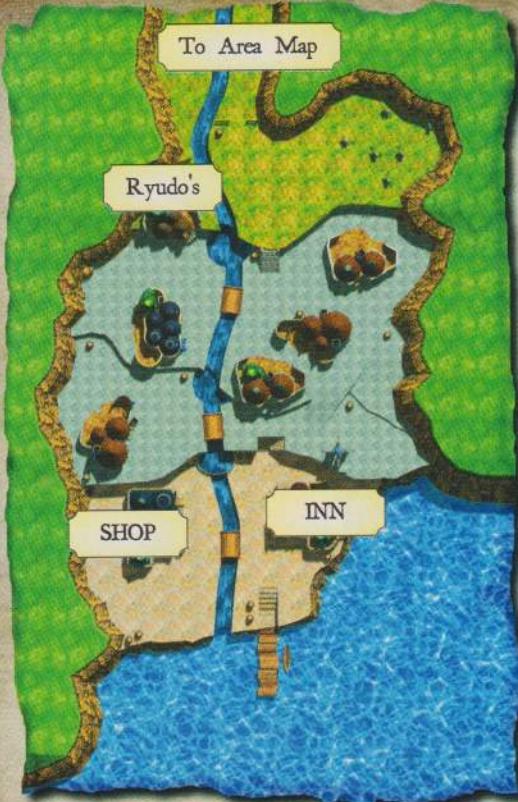
CRIMSON TAIL (x2)
LV: 36 HP: 9800
XP: 250 SC: 1200
MC: 300 GP: 1000

Not an easy battle, but likewise not an impossible one. Remember the advice given to you before leaving Cyrum, and use the Electrum Stone you should have picked up on the way to this fight. Continue the electric theme with Ryudo's Purple Lightning, which can exact almost 2000HP of damage onto one of these crust-mongers. Their Scissors Storm can do a very undesirable amount of damage back at you, but just cancel it if you see it coming. Finish up (or start things off, if you'd rather) with Elena's White Apocalypse. The treasure here is the magic-packed Soul Egg.

(All figures correspond to one Crimson Tail and do not represent the total between the two.)



GARLAN VILLAGE



GARLAN VILLAGE

SHOP

• • W E A P O N S • •	
Fine Broadsword	4500G
Sword of Mikage	6900G
Silver Flail	6800G
DreadBow	7400G
• • A R M O R • •	
Mithril Dress	8000G
Warrior Mail	8500G
Mercury Bandana	3200G
Battle Helm	3400G
Warrior Leggings	1400G
Talisman	1500G
Crescent Jade	1500G



• • I T E M S • •

Holy Wound Salve	60G
Healing Fruit	100G
Scroll of Alheal	120G
Healing Incense	400G
Poison Antidote	14G
Paralysis Salve	14G
Purifying Herb	40G
Torte's Reedpipe	30G
Smelling Salts	30G
Move Blessing	50G
Magic Blessing	50G
Yomi's Elixir	500G
Grail Fruit	120G
Makibishi	150G
Dynamite	240G
Silence Lute	250G



Ambivalent Homecoming

From the moment you step foot into Garlan, it's apparent that this is a dusky, cozy little cove of a village. What isn't apparent (until you speak to the first townsperson) is the animosity that sits so at odds with the town's welcoming ambience. Once the Village Chief confronts Ryudo, things are made quite clear that your party's presence is simply not wanted.



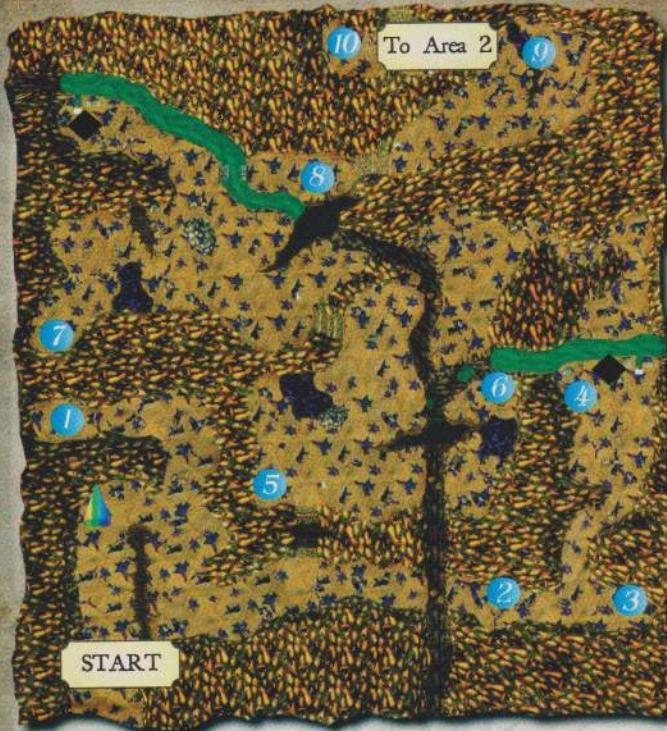


Have a chat with everyone around to soak up all those acrimonious vibes, then talk to Gatta (ex-best-friend turned number one Ryudo nay-sayer) and the Chief. In the northwest sits an old boarded-up structure that was once home to a younger, more rambunctious Ryudo. Mareg will take Tio to the Inn and leave you and Elena alone for some somber-time and another distasteful brush with Gatta. Once things simmer down, read the epitaphs in the graveyard to get a sense of the history of both the village and Ryudo.



Return to the Inn, where you'll reconvene with Mareg and Tio. Shortly after resting you'll find out that you need to head to Grail Mountain; this location and Garlan are the only spots to visit on this tiny Isle.

GRAIL MOUNTAIN



MOUNTAIN ROAD 1

ITEMS

- 1 1000G
- 2 Makibishi
- 3 3000G
- 4 Double Moon
- 5 Face Paint
- 6 Mars Talisman
- 7 Potion of Azure
- 8 Grail Fruit
- 9 Healing Fruit
- 10 1000G



Grave Architecture

Push the main gravestone here to cause the river level to drop and allow you to walk on over the gully.



The Double Moon is a must-have for Tio if her Attack level is ever to increase.

AREA MONSTERS

MAN-EATING TREE

LV: 31 HP: 1340
MP: 0 SP: 140
Def: 240 Mov: 72 Act: 76
Mag Def: 82
XP: 54 SC: 63 MC: 51 GP: 70
Weak vs. Fire

ITEMS
Healing Incense Divine Talisman

CLAY BIRD
LV: 32 HP: 1800
MP: 140 SP: 150
Def: 221 Mov: 79 Act: 101
Mag Def: 133
XP: 72 SC: 89 MC: 127 GP: 119
Weak vs. Wind, Strong vs. Earth

ITEMS
Scattering Stone Silver Feather

PIT VIPER

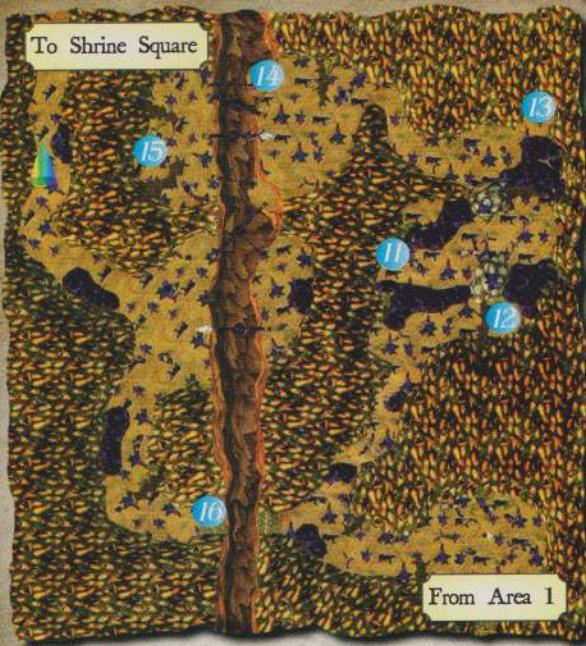
LV: 32 HP: 1080
MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 197 Mov: 101 Act: 96
Mag Def: 122
XP: 52 SC: 45 MC: 47 GP: 47
Weak vs. Earth, Strong vs. Fire

ITEMS
Purifying Herb Red Goblin Toad

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Crimson Claw
(see page 49)
Flame Toad
(see page 49)





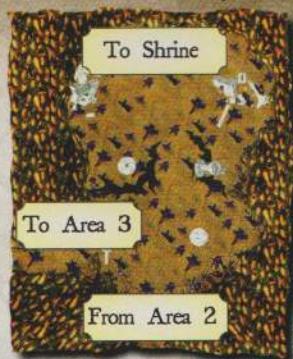
MOUNTAIN ROAD 2



If this is the case, have the first party member up to bat cast Gravity to bring them close, then burn them up with the aforementioned Burnflame, or even two Dynamites.

They Are Man Eaters

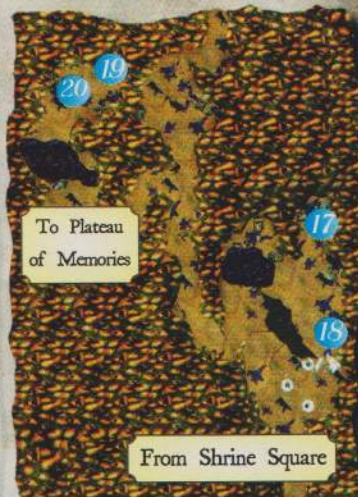
The Man-Eating Tree can be quite an unpalatable specimen. Needless to say, fire works quite well in killing these things off before they're able to do any real damage (cf. the detestable Apple Hurl attack, which is a big and unpleasant hitter). Much of the time when you encounter these Trees you'll find that their positions are quite dispersed, prohibiting a kill-em-all single casting of Burnflame.



SHRINE SQUARE



SHRINE



MOUNTAIN ROAD 3

ITEMS

- 11 3000G
- 12 Dark Armor
- 13 Grail Fruit
- 14 Flame Shoes
- 14 Flame Bandana
- 14 Flame Armor
- 15 1000G
- 16 Dynamite
- 17 Grail Fruit
- 18 Fairy Ribbon
- 19 Gold Feather
- 20 1000G



Purple muck makes the going slow... and opens you up to easy enemy surprise attacks.



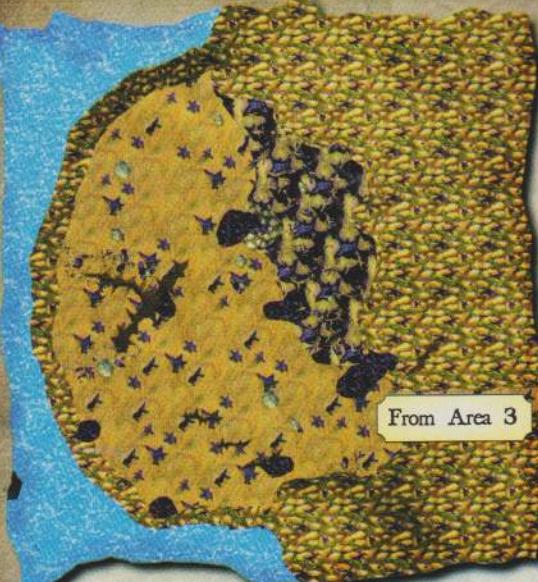
Don't forget to pick up the Dark Armor in Area 2.



The steam will blast you, so check yourself! Not too thoroughly, though, as the damage is minimal at best.



Push the graves in the northwest to make the river sludge lower and cross the ruins of the broken bridge to the other side.



PLATEAU OF MEMORIES



These purple vines seem to look sturdy enough... until a few steps over on two of them, and a bunch of chunks break off into the chasm. Don't worry, you'll go unharmed (as the remaining pieces stay strangely stiff), but your route will be detoured, if only by a few seconds.

Once in the mysteriously vacant Shrine Square, enter the edifice of its namesake, the Shrine. Had a good look? Confused, perhaps? Right then, now leave the Shrine... and you'll spot Melfice. Had a good look? Still confused? Chase him into Area 3! The showdown begins now.



BOSS



MELFICE

BODY
LV: 40 HP: 19000
XP: 1500 SC: 3600
MC: 1800 GP: 0

SWORD.....HP: 10000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

REGENERATOR..HP: 13000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

First off, use the Gold Feather you just found to raise everyone's ACT level. Follow up with White Apocalypse from Elena, while you put two people on the duty of casting Alhealer -- you'll be receiving an unhealthy amount of damage in mere moments. And that's because Melfice performs more Demon Horde Slashes than you can shake a stick at, what with his incredible ability to blaze through the HP gauge. So slow him down with Fizz, and use Strain to counteract his many Wow's. Straight Combo Attacks do 0 damage to his Sword (which, otherwise, you should try to take out ASAP). But it might be best to stick to such a tactic on the Regenerator once it gets low. His big trick is the Evil Horn Attack (which will do 1000 HP of damage to all members). This in mind, cancel him as much as you can toward the end. The Sword will give up itself (*), the Maken Valborg, for treasure, the Regenerator the Book of Swords, and Melfice the awesome Soul of Asura (which gives the wearer two extra Combo attacks).



Face the wrath of the Evil Horn!



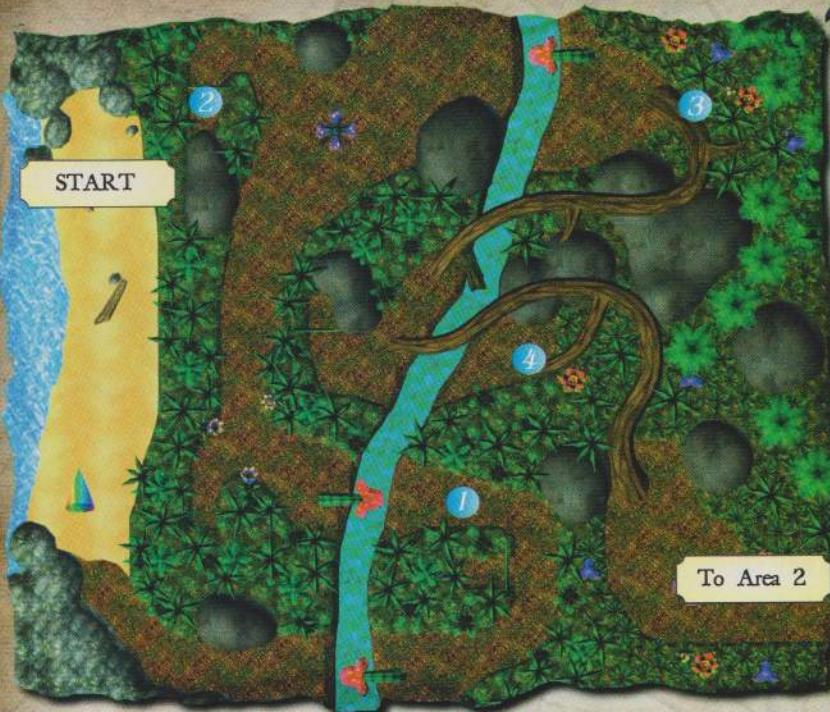
And the fury of the Demon Horde Slash!



After all the events play out, Gatta will try to make peace by giving Ryudo the "Friends Necklace." (Aww.) Spend the night in the Inn to learn about the love of family, then sail off for the Continent of Arachna.



GHOSS FOREST WEST



GHOSS FOREST WEST 1

Let's Get Organic!

Ghoss Forest is a land that is very green... and very magical. One of the first things you'll notice is how much you're able to interact with the environment...

or, perhaps I should say, how much the environment is able to interact with you. Moments after stepping off the beach, you'll come to a stream that seems uncrossable. That is, until the toothy flower on the other side bears down to form a bridge. You'll want to get out of its landing zone before this occurs, lest you get thwacked.

If you find your way blocked by a large orange leaf gate, don't just stand there and take inertia for an answer: press **X** to fold back the gate and proceed through.



ITEMS

1 3000G

2 Aromatic Root

3 Healing Incense

4 Sylph's Robe



Your SC should be massive after the last trek through Grail Mountain. If you've got such a huge SC reserve in tow, it's time to think about powering up. Max out the new "Strength Up" skill available to you from the Book of Swords dropped by Melfice's Regenerator, and equip it to whomever could use a muscular boost-up.



GHOSS FOREST WEST 2

Steamy Stamens

The steam of the four-bulbed flower will burn and tarnish your current HP level. Oh yes. As if that weren't enough, it will poison whoever in your party gets in its floral steam path.



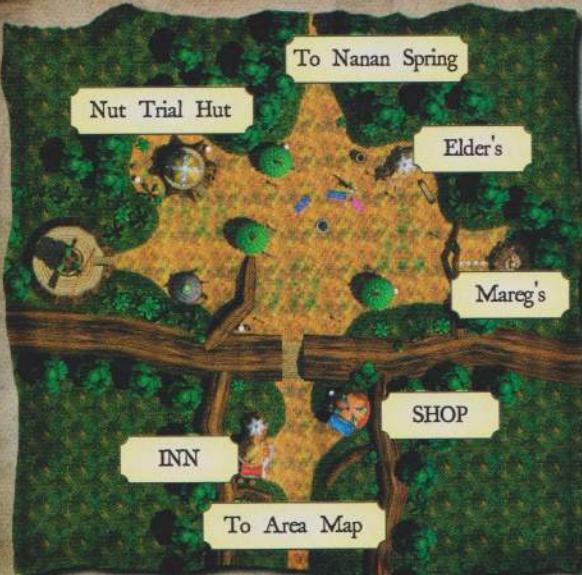
Step on the petals near the base of the big red flowers, and the upper portion should flop open, creating a sort of bloom bridge. Scurry around and to the top, and run across with much ease and glee.



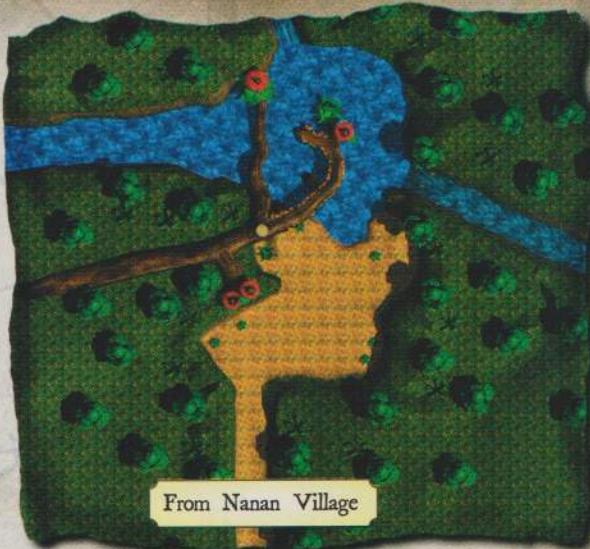
Don't twist and turn your viewpoint to diverge too much from the position of the map on the page. It's easy to lose place among all of these vines.

There's a Baobab Fruit inside one of the flowers to the south. These are extremely helpful, restoring huge dosages of SP at a time.

NANAN VILLAGE



NANAN VILLAGE



NANAN SPRING



SHOP

• W E A P O N S •	
Silence Sword.....	8500G
Golden Flail.....	8000G
Bardiche.....	8000G
• A R M O R •	
Dragon Vest.....	9500G
Red Fur Coat.....	9200G
Dragonscale Mail.....	9800G
Azure Barrette.....	3400G
Dragon Bone Helm.....	4000G
Battle Boots.....	1800G
Plague Charm.....	600G
Titan's Ring.....	1500G
• I T E M S •	
Holy Wound Salve.....	60G
Healing Fruit.....	100G
Scroll of Alheal.....	120G

Healing Incense.....	400G
Poison Antidote.....	14G
Paralysis Salve.....	14G
Purifying Herb.....	40G
Torte's Reedpipe.....	30G
Smelling Salts.....	20G
Blessing Scroll.....	150G
Vaccine.....	100G
Yomi's Elixir.....	500G
Baobab Fruit.....	360G
Dynamite.....	240G
Red Goblin Toad.....	120G
Muscle Mushroom.....	50G
Guard Mushroom.....	50G
Speed Mushroom.....	50G
Runner Mushroom.....	50G

Wooden, It Be Nice

With Nanan, you'll have seen the hometown of each member of your party (with the exception of Tio, who can't really lay claim to any earthly neighborhood). This tribal settlement of beautifully carved wood and totemic architecture provides the first completely thorough rest from battling the more ferocious elements of nature.



The Sites to See

You need to get the Village Elder's permission before you can get past Wag guarding this hut. There's no hurry to explore what's behind this door just yet, in any case. Check out the tranquil Nanan Spring, where lovers go to frolic, and the exquisitely crafted weaving hut. The hut and the windmill share their space with a turtle-shaped worm and a few Huge Caterpillars respectively. Such harmony!





Trial by Nut

When you've sufficiently explored Nanan, go see The Elder in his hut. (During this audience, you'll note the charmingly rustic mini-Skull Snail lamp on the table.) After conversing, The Elder will lead Ryudo and Elena over to the hut guarded by Wag mentioned earlier. There you'll have to enter the Forbidden Room, as it's called, and have a few words with this Wag -- but then the excitement begins. Get the Walnuts of Light to open the Door of Blessings, per the instructions on the stone tablet's inscription. A sort of trial by nut will begin in which you'll have to rush from opening to opening to grab the nuts from the pillars that raise up and down, snatching as many as you can before the time runs out. Use the directional pad to move (as opposed to the analog pad, so you don't pass over the middle opening, should that be your goal), and press **X** to grab the nuts. Then proceed back to the main passage and give your nut-horde to the Carro to receive the valuable **Nut of Light**. Once you step outside, the Elder will present you with the **Ring of Guarding**. You can keep returning: the first time you need at least four nuts, the second at least eight, etc., and you'll keep winning prizes. Note: the purple dollop that falls will freeze you up for a time, so try not to get caught by it... though avoiding it once it's headed for you is well on impossible. The **Miracle Scales** and the **Book of War** are the greatest treasures you can walk away with from this game.



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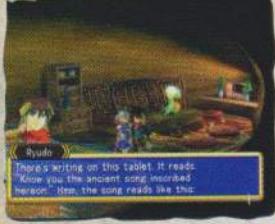
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16 nuts
20 nuts
24 nuts

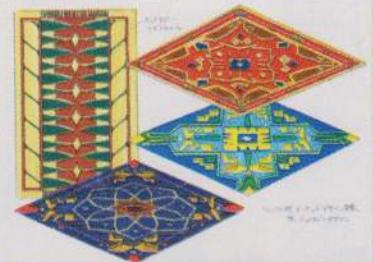
Prize

Bloody Saucer
Miracle Scales
Platinum Feather
Book of War
Healing Fruit
Baobab Fruit

Lurid Words Round the Fire



Go to the feast, talk your way around the circle, and find out about silervine addiction. Then talk to The Elder. Elena will sing her song, which is followed by the euphonious Beast-Man hymn. If you straggle into the Elder's Hut you can read the translation of their song by examining some of the items in the room.



Wrap Up the Memories

Head to the spring. After Elena leaves, follow her inside for a surprise -- Millenia. Then leave town once you're ready, but remember to equip the Bloody Saucer on Tio first, and spend the night at the Inn, where the eating motif continues with some berries that taste differently to each person who eats them.



GHOSS FOREST EAST



GHOSS FOREST EAST 1

Ghoss Redux

Sister forest to Ghoss West, Ghoss East is the slightly more difficult area whose first open clearing is positively teeming with monsters. Eliminate them fast with mass destruction spells -- and fastest here is most preferable, because their sheer number makes them *incredibly* annoying. Then return to the save point and recover. Shortly after that clearing you'll realize there is some sticky mud to be navigated. As with all mud patches that have slowed your progress down to a dull trudge through the course of the game, watch you don't become easy prey for nearby monsters' potential surprise attacks.



AREA MONSTERS	
	FENNY BIRD
LV: 35 HP: 1570	MP: 0 SP: 0
Def: 186 Mov: 100 Act: 108	Mag Def: 152
XP: 49 SC: 14 MC: 76 GP: 26	Weak vs. Wind and Ice, Strong vs. Fire
	ITEMS
	Silver Feather Seed of Swift
ALSO APPEARING HERE:	
Man-Eating Tree (see page 54)	
Pit Viper (see page 54)	
Giga Mantis (see page 57)	

ITEMS

- 1 1000G
- 2 Makibishi
- 3 3000G
- 4 Double Moon
- 5 Face Paint
- 6 Mars Talisman



GHOSS FOREST EAST 2

ITEMS

- 7 Baobab Fruit
- 8 Seed of Spells
- 9 Red Goblin Toad
- 10 Dragon Scales
- 11 Seed of Running
- 12 Runner Mushroom
- 13 Vaccine
- 14 3000G
- 15 1000G
- 16 3000G
- 17 1000G
- 18 Speed Mushroom
- 19 Black Belt



Don't worry, these "still-poised-snake" like formations won't hurt you.

And furthermore, and finally, any tree that has that wide, nutty bark and the propeller-like fronds may quite possibly turn into the deadlier Man-Eating variety if you skulk about their vicinity. You have been warned!



THE GREAT RIFT



THE GREAT RIFT 1

Trap Falls Under Feet

The Great Rift is not a horribly difficult area to find your way out of (main direction = down) but you'll find that in certain instances you'll have to backtrack by climbing up and down ladders and also jumping like you've never jumped before... but not quite enough to make it to the very bottom in a single bound. Pay close attention to the map to see exactly where the "traps" are located. By "trap," I mean the occasional rock terrace that will most unceremoniously give out from beneath your feet. They can be avoided if you scoot snugly against the wall; otherwise, you're going to have to backtrack and waste time.



AREA MONSTERS

DESERT DIVER

LV: 37 HP: 1300
MP: 0 SP: 250
Def: 173 Mov: 60 Act: 90
Mag Def: 127
XP: 56 SC: 58 MC: 44 GP: 126
Weak vs. Wind,
Strong vs. Fire and Earth

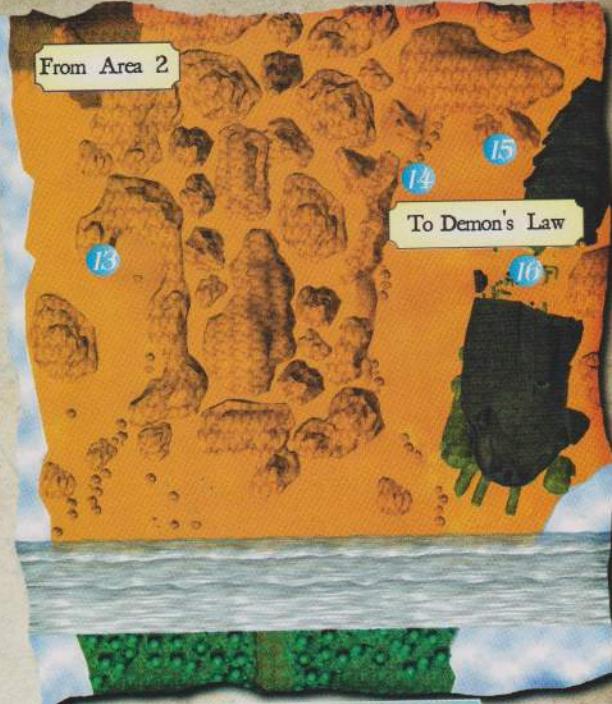
ITEMS
Vaccine Revival Gem

ALSO APPEARING HERE:

Giga Mantis
(see page 57)
Fenny Bird
(see page 61)

ITEMS

- 1 Healing Fruit
- 2 Seed of Moves
- 3 Man's Iron Clogs
- 4 Man's Headband
- 3 3600G
- 4 Magic Blessing
- 5 Vaccine



ITEMS

- 6 Demon's Tears
- 7 Healing Incense
- 8 Seed of Swift
- 9 1200G
- 10 Healing Fruit
- 11 Discus
- 12 Blessing Scroll
- 13 1200G
- 14 Energy Ring
- 15 1200G
- 16 Serpentine

To plug up the dead end you'll have to push the rock and make it roll. Overcome your obstacles with confidence and derring-do! A ditch further down the Rift will require two boulders, and that means pushing one, then backtracking for the other. You'll note, and come to curse, Tio's speed in climbing down the ladders during such instances. Speaking of whom, it doesn't matter if you pick up the Discus for her or not, unless you plan on selling it; it's not as strong as the Bloody Saucer you should have won in Nanan. But since it's effective against bugs and crustaceans, you may want to keep it on hand for encounters with Giga Mantises.



Don't be afraid to use your Sky Dragon Slash to take out the Fenny Birds near the end of Area 2 -- you've always got the save point to restore at nearby.

To the south of Area 3 is an impenetrable wall of clouds, or, alternately, a hellborn typhoon. Skirt along its edge and make your way inside of the giant Demon's Law compound to the east (but not before you seize the treasure scattered around the threshold, of course).



DEMON'S LAW



DEMON'S LAW

ITEMS

- 1 Demon's Tears
- 2 Red Bird Stone
- 3 Panacea
- 4 Phoenix Hat
- 5 Hero's Elixir
- 6 1200G
- 7 Exorcism Bow
- 8 Halo Armor
- 9 Mystic Potion



Unseemly Jurisdiction

Welcome to Demon's Law, home (where the heart isn't) of Tio, in a sense. Scoot through the west and east openings shortly after entering to grab some gold and a nice cache of goods like the Phoenix Hat. Then use the stairs to progress towards the mechanistic core. Going through Demon's Law is like running a gauntlet of bosses, but only, like, a gauntlet of three. Don't worry, none of the fights are that bone-breaking.



BOSS

LECK GUARDER



LV: 42 HP: 15000
 XP: 400 SC: 1250
 MC: 0 GP: 0
 S N O W L E O P A R D
 (x2).....HP: 4600
 XP: 150.....SC: 175
 MC: 160.....GP: 150

Use fire on the Snow Leopards and ice on the Leck Guarder, basically. Besides this strategy, start off with White Apocalypse -- there's a save point nearby you can use to revive the SP, so don't harbor any guilt over blowing your frugality-early-in-a-dungeon-streak. The Guarder's Buster Horn will take off 1200HP of damage or thereabouts and Move Block its target, so try and cancel that move if it appears in his status display. Instead of dicing these creatures up with the Sky Blade Slash, you can try the Flying Tenseiken as it works just as well for more than half the SP loss. The Icffang Stone and Inferno Battleax will be your rewards.



CONTROL ROOM



The Panel-Pushing Method

Pressing down all of the red posts will light up the yellow door and let you through. Be sure to shuffle past the robo-cougars (or whatever they may be...) the key here is just to accept that pow-pow power makes them go! that happen to be puttering by without making contact... there's some aspect to their form that can cause minor damage.



Doubling Up

You can double up on the Skills (ie, two Life Ups, 2 Strengths) to really max out. Now that you're in possession of so many Books, it may be a good idea to start looking into this plan to compensate for any party member who may still be weaker than the others, like Tio.

Heroes Only Ingest... Hero's Elixir



The Hero's Elixir is not to be missed. This item not only revives characters, it also bestows a +5 to all of their levels. If you missed this during the Arm Wrestling escapade with Hemble, here's another opportunity to snag one.



NAGA QUEEN



NAGA QUEEN (x2)
LV: 43 HP: 12500
XP: 375 SC: 0
MC: 640 GP: 800

(All figures correspond to one Naga Queen and do not represent the total between the two.)

Unload an arsenal of Quake and Tremor, or any of the earth-based stones, versus the Naga Queens. Also of use is a good casting of GadZap to make the pair's HP recoil and recoil again. Generally speaking, though, the Naga Queens are pretty weak customers whom you'll be able to finish in no time flat. As a reward, you'll receive the **Star Egg**. Make your way back to the save point and recover after each fight. BZZZZZZZZZZZIT!



BOSS

TIO CLONE



LV: 43 HP: 30000
MP: 190 SP: 165
Def: 274 Mov: 196 Act: 282
Mag Def: 168
XP: 900 SC: 4000
MC: 4000 GP: 0

Look familiar? Tio Clone has quite a few dastardly tricks up her flared sleeves. Among these include a propensity for silencing your spells with Magic Blocks, and sending your IP position waaaay back with her Lotus Flower move. Always have one person casting Alhealer, but the best defensive advice to impart here would simply be stressing the importance of slowing her down by wrecking her IP with moves or even flinging Exhaustion Nuts. For your efforts, you'll receive the Balor for Tio. Man, wouldn't it be tasty if Tio herself was sporting 30,000 HP? Alas.



When the Tio Clone is deactivated, walk up to the console and destroy it. Now exit the compound and go through the opening that leads to The Great Rift 4, which, as it turns out, is really just a small precipice. But there are *big* things ahead. Like, *really* big things, just ahead.

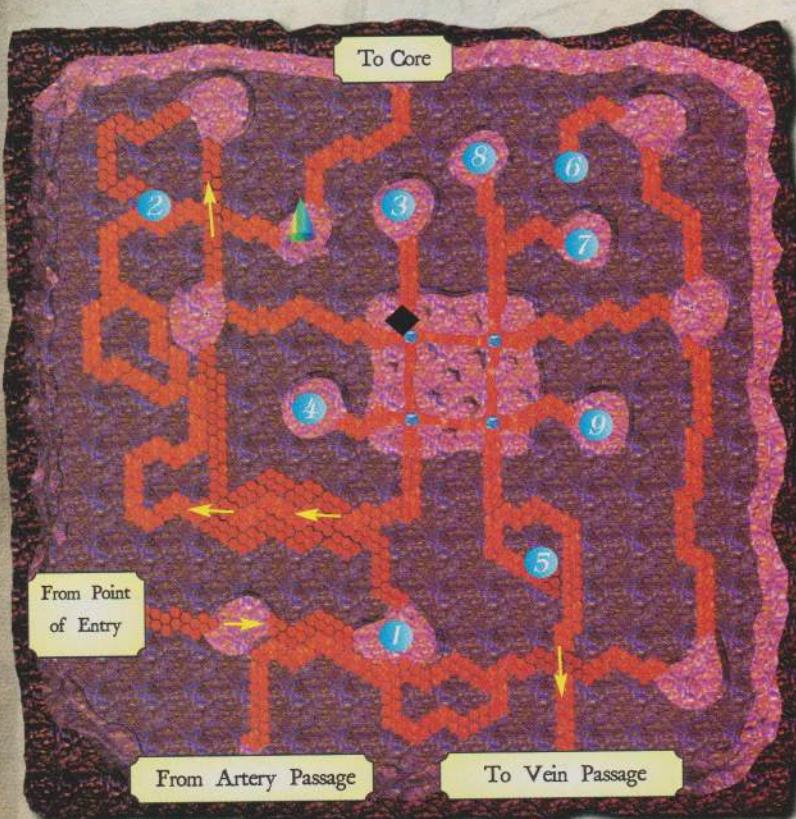


Watch out for those laser beams! You'll have to pause and wait for the energy to dissipate before you can hurry through, and then pause again for the next one; repeat as necessary.

VALMAR'S BODY



POINT OF ENTRY



TENTACLE PASSAGE



Valmar's Body is exactly what you'd expect from the interior of a demonic god: a horrid, malignant fortress of cess infested with parasites of all shapes and sizes. This being, and the others inside him, holds you as the least welcome parasite of all, intruder to the nest, and they aren't going to play congenial host. Watch out.

ITEMS

Golden Potion
Potion of Azure
Resist Dress

1 1500G

2 Thor Stone

3 4500G

4 Panacea

5 Silence Lute

6 Magical Medicine

7 1500G

8 Gold Feather
Bonds of Trust
Rainbow Hi-Heels



Beware the Tarantula's plague net. The plague will devastate its host's existence, consecutively shaving huge chunks away from the HP of the infected. It will also periodically bestow status abnormalities like sleep, move block, and a complete set of "Negative Effect Greatest Hits" onto its victim. *Woe betide the plague-ridden!*



The eyeball posts will raise or lower the surrounding cellular ground-stuff. Essentially, once you see one of these posts, just push it by pressing **X**.



Juicy Push

Once you make your way to the center of the first area, you'll see large translucent blocks that need to be pushed in order to clear the path and allow you to progress. Push the first goop-block (the northwestern-most) to the east (the only direction you can). Go north and get the Thor Stone. Now go as far south as you're able till you reach another goop-block and push it south. Now go west for the 4500G, then east -- and push the goop-block here to the east. Leave the block to the north go for now, and head south. Get the Panacea and jump across the path. With that, the first wave of pushing goop-blocks comes to an end, and you're on the brink of entering the Vein Passage.

AREA MONSTERS

TARANTULA



LV: 38 HP: 1270

MP: 0 SP: 90

Def: 231 Mov: 60 Act: 94

Mag Def: 116

XP: 53 SC: 94 MC: 43 GP: 45

ITEMS

Panacea

Spiderweb

VENOMOUS LARVA



LV: 38 HP: 1620

MP: 0 SP: 0

Def: 204 Mov: 52 Act: 85

Mag Def: 130

XP: 53 SC: 94 MC: 52 GP: 56

Weak vs. Ice, Strong vs. Fire

ITEMS

Healing Incense Caterpillar Soup

DINO FREEZER



LV: 39 HP: 1830

MP: 0 SP: 240

Def: 270 Mov: 99 Act: 105

Mag Def: 186

XP: 78 SC: 122 MC: 48 GP: 134

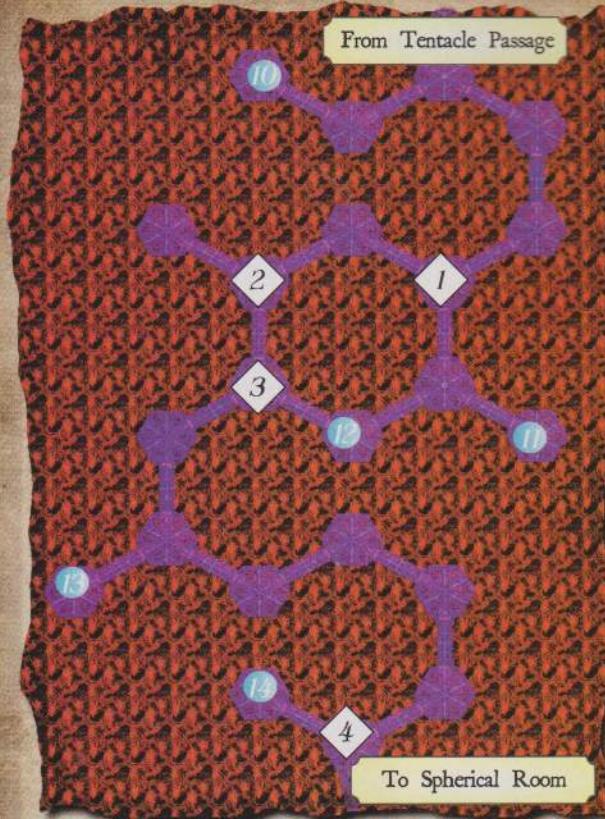
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Dynamite

Tundra Battleax





VEIN PASSAGE

Soon you'll come across a small "switch orb," which opens some of the surrounding gates and closes others. Don't flick this first one just yet (which we'll call **Switch 1** -- these are marked with their number by white diamonds on the maps). First go through the southeast passage and pick up the Revival Gem. You'll see on the way that the southwest passage is blocked. Now go back up to **Switch 1**, hit it, and walk into the newly opened passage to the northwest. When you get to **Switch 2**, go ahead and hit it. Now scamper to the south. Press **Switch 3** and go to the southeast to pick up the Sage's Hat, then return, press **Switch 3** again, and go southwest. Follow through to the end and hit the final switch here to access the room with the Ninja Clothes. Before you exit the Vein Passage here, make sure you close off that passage pointing to the northeast again first, or you'll have a gate hindering your way into the Artery Passage in a few moments.

ITEMS	
10	Pretty Bracelet
11	Revival Gem
12	Sage's Hat
13	Pretty Bracelet
14	Ninja Clothes
15	Pretty Bracelet
16	Adamantine Helm
17	Pretty Bracelet
18	Pretty Necklace
19	Fire Charm



SPHERICAL ROOM

on the **L1** and **R1** triggers. One benefit that can come out of these fights is the Binding Circle weapon for Tio. She seems to get all the goods.



AREA MONSTERS

IMMUNE CELL

LV: 39 HP: 1540
MP: 0 SP: 200
Def: 215 Mov: 80 Act: 115
Mag: Def: 156
XP: 64 SC: 84 MC: 41 GP: 64
Weak vs. Wind, Strong vs. Lightning
ITEMS
Sympathy Nut Binding Circle



BRAIN BAT

LV: 38 HP: 1620
MP: 250 SP: 0
Def: 176 Mov: 80 Act: 109
Mag: Def: 236
XP: 60 SC: 32 MC: 135 GP: 103
Strong vs. Wind
ITEMS
Yomi's Elixir Seed of Spells

To Tentacle Passage



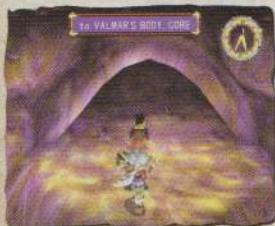
CORE

As you walk into the Spherical Room, push the yellow "button" to make the room go "flip." Exit in the exact way you came in. You'll find yourself in the Artery Passage, now on the other side of the Vein Passage. If you made sure you closed that gate off, you should be okay -- in the first room here the northeastern door will be open and the northwestern one shut: this is what you want, since the latter leads to a dead end. So go through the northeast, and follow through, picking up the Pretty Bracelet before you reach **Switch 5**. Let this be, and go southeast to procure the Adamantine Helm. Now go back to the switch, hit it, and go north. You'll find **Switch 6**: leave it, head northwest for the Pretty Bracelet, come back to the switch, and give it a whack. Go northeast. You can leave **Switch 7** go when you come to it (unless you haven't gotten the Pretty Necklace yet). Head through that switch's room to the northeast, all the way north. When you come to the final switch, trigger it and go in the southwest room for the Fire Charm, then back and into the northern opening, which will take you to the Tentacle Passage. Phew!

ARTERY PASSAGE

Back in the Tentacle Passage, pass the first eyeball post you see so you can get the Silence Lute; then backtrack and hit it. When the steps raise, walk to the east and push the goop-block

to the west. Now go south, and push the goop-block to the south. (It will have shifted back from when you last had your hands on it.) Get the treasure to the east. Now return and go north through the passage cleared by that first goop-block of this pair. You can get the 1500G and the Magical Medicine here. Now go down to the southwestern-most block and push it to the west. Head south, jumping as necessary. Save and head into the Core!



BOSS



BODY

LV: 44 HP: 24000
XP: 1600 SC: 6000

MC: 6000 GP: 0

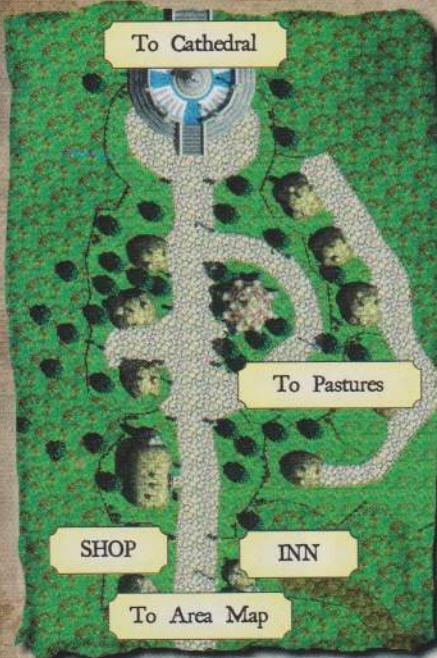
R.TENTACLE.....HP: 14000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 800

L.TENTACLE.....HP: 14000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 4000

VALMAR'S BODY

Throughout the entire fight, you can direct one member at a time to follow through with a Critical attack every turn to Cancel the rather stationary Body. While he's not an unduly difficult foe, he does have one clever strategy that can muss your party's hair. This would be the "Suck In," which, sure enough, will suck your party in by a great inhalation-gust to a position near the body -- a set-up for the Tentacles to strike the whole lot of you at once. Besides the normal slew of powerful moves like the Sky Dragon Slash and White Apocalypse, use physical attacks towards the end and just hack away with Combos. The Right Tentacle holds the Angel Circle and the Body the Relief Tag.

St. HEIM PAPAL STATE

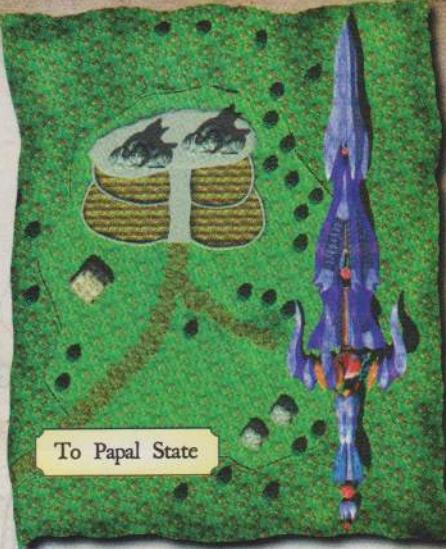


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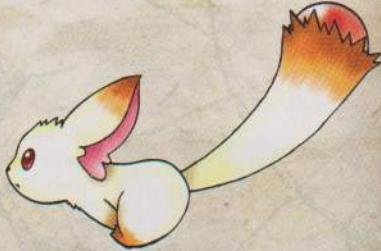
• • W E A P O N S • •	
Holy Soul Blade	14000G
Priest's Staff	12000G
Rune Axe	13500G
• • A R M O R • •	
Priest's Robe	16000G
Priest's Hat	5800G
Heracles' Belt	6200G
Shogun's Brace	5000G
Relief Tag	4000G
Healing Ring	500G
Poison Charm	250G
Sleep Charm	250G
Confusion Charm	250G
Paralysis Charm	250G
Move Blessing	400G
Magic Block Charm	400G
• • I T E M S • •	
Holy Wound Salve	60G
Healing Fruit	100G
Scarlet Potion	250G
Healing Incense	400G
Potion of Azure	750G

Here you are again; though, granted, this time circumstances are markedly different. The townsfolk are being massacred, for instance. As antithetical to good moral sense as it may seem, it's beneficial for you and your party to first hit the Inn to save and the Shop to replenish items and upgrade equipment before you go to help out. Since you've last been here, there are quite a few nice things in stock...



To Papal State

PASTURES



The Granas Knights will turn their eyes on you for their next kill. Once combat ensues, all you need to do is give them the old Sky Dragon Slash surprise, and their ranks will be all but decimated. In their wake, there's a good chance they'll leave you the Paladin Helm and the Paladin Armor.



Purifying Herb	40G
Torte's Reedpipe	30G
Smelling Salts	20G
Blessing Scroll	150G
Vaccine	100G
Panacea	500G
Yomi's Elixir	500G
Butter Roll	120G
Fresh Sandwich	100G
Super Mogay Bomb	1000G
Holy Ashes	200G
Thor Stone	750G
Myriad Power Nut	20G
Patience Nut	20G
Sympathy Nut	20G
Swiftness Nut	20G

AREA Monsters



GRANAS KNIGHT

LV: 40 HP: 2430

MP: 0 SP: 0

Def: 246 Mov: 45 Act: 104
Mag Def: 137

XP: 90 SC: 150 MC: 0 GP: 200

ITEMS

Paladin Helmet

Paladin Armor

Head up to the Cathedral as soon as you're through with the Knights. Treachery is at hand... or should I say at heart? The reason being Valmar's Heart pulsating over your heads. This is the final component of the evil god's body...



Sorry, no bread today. The townsfolk are being massacred.



Save outside the library inside of the Cathedral (and take a look through the new Holy Annals), then go into the Holy Door. Just follow Zera's trail... some particularly unholy events are about to pass. Once you've been witness to all of them, head back out to the Pastures on the outskirts of town.

BOSS

VALMAR'S HEART



BODY

LV: 45 HP: 21000

XP: 1800 SC: 8000

MC: 8000 GP: 0

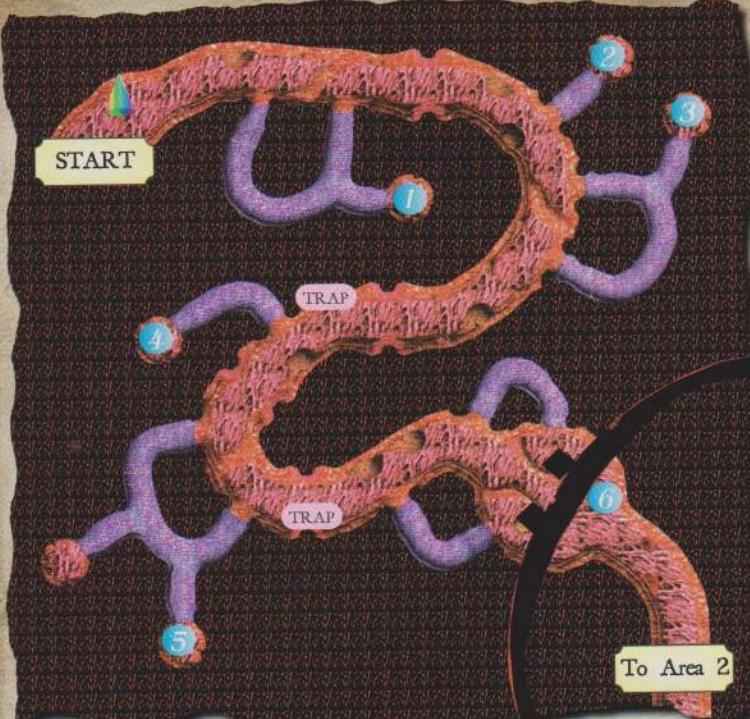
LEFT EYE.....HP: 13000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

RIGHT EYE.....HP: 13000
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 4500

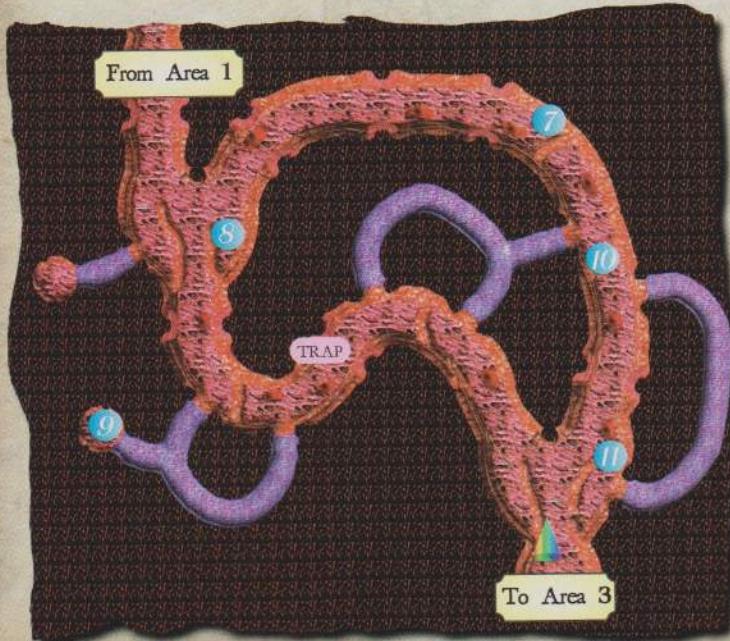
The same tactics that have been serving you well in the past will also serve well here. Wind attacks go over nicely on the main Heart, with blizzard- and fire-based attacks working well on the Left and Right Eyes respectively. The main attack with which you'll have to reckon is the Heart's Black Fog Spew. It doesn't sound too nice, does it? It will knock the party up for a ton of damage. Overall though, what you've seen difficulty-wise and strategy-wise before is the same as what you'll get when facing this boss. Victory should not be too hard to claim. The Heart's main body leaves behind the **Holy Clothes**, and the Left Eye will give up the **Goddess Hi-Heels**.



VALMAR'S MOON



VALMAR'S MOON 1



VALMAR'S MOON 2

ITEMS

1	Lion Harp
1	Lion Boots
1	Leo Rex Battleax
2	2000G
3	Potion of Azure
4	6000G
5	Thor Stone
6	Silver Feather
7	Demon Ash
8	2000G
9	Silver Feather
9	Miracle Elixir
9	Mystic Veil
10	Indigo Potion
11	Panacea

So you're on the moon. And, yes, you are Elena-less. But take consolation in this one certain thing: that a scary situation is about to get even scarier. Wind through the scarred preliminary path (it's twisty, but maintains a single route), then drop down into the crater to begin your adventure in the center of the moon.



AREA MONSTERS



EVIL MANEUVER

LV: 42 HP: 1950
MP: 240 SP: 260
Def: 282 Mov: 53 Act: 110
Mag Def: 103
XP: 105 SC: 114 MC: 59 GP: 32
ITEMS

Thor Stone Seed of Psyche



SALAMADILE

LV: 41 HP: 1500
MP: 0 SP: 90
Def: 254 Mov: 60 Act: 95
Mag Def: 128
XP: 70 SC: 30 MC: 84 GP: 68
ITEMS

Red Bird Stone Salamander Tail



NYARMOT

LV: 41 HP: 1670
MP: 0 SP: 220
Def: 235 Mov: 70 Act: 81
Mag Def: 162
XP: 81 SC: 67 MC: 39 GP: 97
ITEMS

Tight Dress Panacea



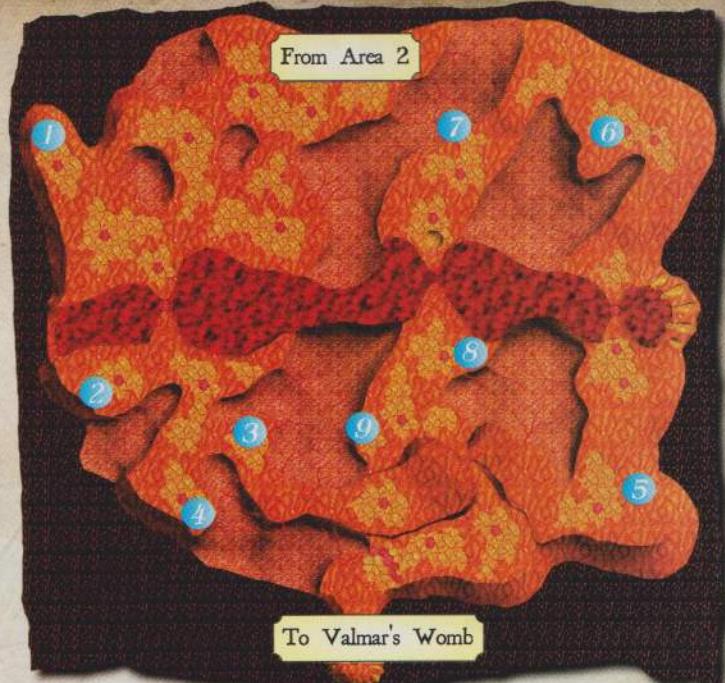
Cut through the tendon'y bands with your sword. (That would be "push X," then.)



DRAGON KNIGHT

LV: 42 HP: 2130
MP: 60 SP: 290
Def: 315 Mov: 95 Act: 124
Mag Def: 158
XP: 92 SC: 98 MC: 73 GP: 171
ITEMS

Dragon Wand Scarlet Potion



VALMAR'S MOON 3



In some of the crevices of Area 1 and 2's main tunnels lie Salamadies, waiting to strike. As soon as you're nearby, they come rushing out and fighting is almost always imminent. At this point you'll probably be powerful enough (if you've been consistently engaging in battles) that enemy encounters are no longer a life-threatening prospect of doubt and injury, but merely that occasional sort of nuisance. Express your ennui, then, in Salamadile blood.

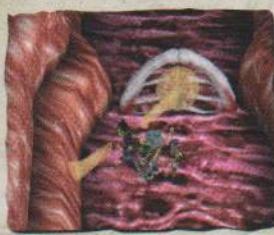


The Lion Boots are just about the best boots in the game. Equip them, then give a hardy roar! You'll be able to get Mareg's hand-claws around the best axe in the game here -- the kingly Leo Rex Battleax.

ITEMS

- 1 Moonstone Armor
- 2 Reflect Helm
- 3 Scarlet Potion
- 4 Golden Potion
- 5 2000G
- 6 6000G
- 7 Scarlet Potion
- 8 2000G
- 9 Scattering Stone
Meteor Scroll
Moonlight Tiara

A contraption so nifty it's almost cute, the glop-shooting device at the end of the main stretch in Area 1 will help you cross the lunar chasm before you. Press the button on its one side for it to create half a bridge; circle around to the other side to press the button that will finish it off. A simply wonderful device!



Cut the bands. The gates will open. Enough said.



AREA MONSTERS	
	VALMAR FLY
LV: 48	HP: 3600
MP: 0	SP: 0
Def: 258	Mov: 139
Mag Def: 134	Act: 152
XP: 75	SC: 375
MC: 0	GP: 125
ITEMS	
Scarlet Potion	Platinum Feather
	VALMAR YOUNG
LV: 49	HP: 7200
MP: 300	SP: 560
Def: 312	Mov: 83
Mag Def: 145	Act: 171
XP: 300	SC: 750
MC: 0	GP: 425
ITEMS	
Yomi's Elixir	Soul of Asura

BOSS

EGG GUARDIAN



EGG GUARDIAN
LV: 48 HP: 28000
XP: 2000 SC: 10000
MC: 10000 GP: 0

BIT (x4).....HP: 4800
XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 900

The Sky Dragon Slash should take care of those buzzing supplementary Bits. It's a victory not long kept, however, since the Egg Guardian will keep using Demon Summoning to make his little pals revive. Therefore, make sure you concentrate your attacks on the Guardian, and not so much just on the Bits, as they'll be nearly instantly replaced (unless you're able to pull off a cancel and temporarily block their resuscitation). Oh, they're generally gnat-like things in relation to some of the game's monsters, but their Desperate Blow is to be reckoned with. The Egg Guardian's Wailing Sickle will slash all of your party, but compared to past boss attacks, it's really nothing. Defeat this foul fiend and receive the Angel's Robe.

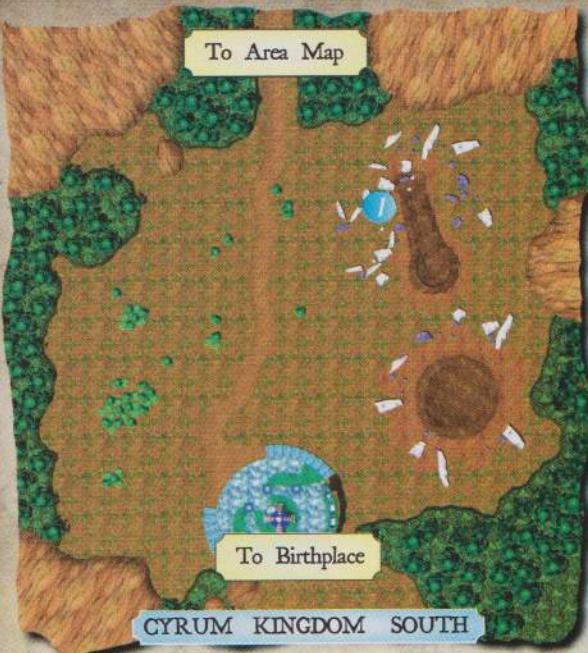
Area 3 is all about pressing panels in the ground. No overly elaborate method, system, or pattern pivots on the way or order in which you push these. Just step on the magenta panels if you need something done. For instance: there's a post in front of you with an item you'd like on top. Press the panel nearby, and it will lower to your level so you can grab it. Easy. Want to cross the lava gash? Press the nearby panel to bridge the gap and lower a block to cross over. Or, in one instance, to make a boulder come tumbling down for easy crossability.



It's important you heal and revive the party right after the boss fight, because when you go to blaze a trail out via that initial path, you're going to be attacked by Valmar Flies and Valmar Young! These fights are well worth their rigors, however: you'll walk away with massive amounts of MC and SC, all the better for mad upgrade action!



CYRUM KINGDOM



ITEMS

1 Missanga

Cyrum's been converted from a thriving seat of culture and commerce into a blitzed-out ghetto with the arrival of Valmar's forces. Following the crash landing, grab the Missanga right near the landing site. Not to spoil anything -- just check your menu screen -- but this is a very useful item. After retrieving the treasure, exit this area, then go into the main kingdom portion and save.



SHOP

• WEAPONS •

Blazing Sword	17000G
Icefang Sword	18000G
Thor Sword	19000G
Decalogue Staff	18000G
Guardian Staff	15500G
Huge Flail	17000G
Sword Breaker	14500G
Wind Cutter	18000G
Demon Shuriken	19800G

• ARMOR •

Aura Armor	19800G
Charisma Armor	8000G
Magic Hi-Heels	1100G
Battle Boots	1800G
Heracles' Belt	6200G
Shogun's Belt	5000G
Godspeed Ring	2500G
Anklet	1000G
Fire Charm	400G
Wind Charm	400G
Earth Charm	400G
Lightning Charm	400G
Blizzard Charm	400G

• ITEMS •

Holy Wound Salve	60G
Healing Fruit	100G
Scarlet Potion	250G
Healing Incense	400G
Potion of Azure	750G
Purifying Herb	40G
Torte's Reedpipe	30G
Smelling Salts	20G
Blessing Scroll	150G
Vaccine	100G
Panacca	500G
Yomi's Elixir	500G
Baobab Fruit	360G
Magical Medicine	360G
Silver Feather	500G
Super Mogay Bomb	1000G
Flame Stone	200G
Gale Stone	200G
Quake Stone	200G

Electrum Stone

Electrum Stone	250G
Icefang Stone	250G
Thor Stone	750G
Red Bird Stone	250G
Scrpentine	500G

• AFTER BIRTHPLACE •

Seed of Life	10000G
Seed of Spells	10000G
Seed of Moves	10000G
Seed of Power	10000G
Seed of Defense	10000G
Seed of Swift	10000G
Seed of Running	10000G
Seed of Magic	10000G
Seed of Psyche	10000G
Lore of Moves	10000G
Lore of Magic	10000G

RAUL HILLS - SPECIAL STAGE



RAUL HILLS 2

AREA MONSTERS	
	DEVIL
LV: 50	HP: 5800
MP: 630	SP: 0
Def: 303	Mov: 72
Mag Def: 204	Act: 158
XP: 20	SC: 270
MC: 320	GP: 240
ITEMS	
Jet-Black Cape	Demon Ash
All Raul Hills Monsters Appear (see page 40)	



If you choose the northern path first, you'll come out into a small clearing in Area 2 where, lo and behold, just north of an old treasure chest, there lie four weapons! Walk up to them equip them... and recognize that they're decoys, "zero ATK" items. That said, that upper path really maybe isn't worth exploring at all.

D'yer Wanna Get Special?

If the dialogue box at the onset doesn't explain it all, maybe this will: the Raul Special Stage is your opportunity not just to revisit the quaint stone maze, but to plunder some newly placed treasure -- treasure so rich, in fact, that it's among the best in the game! You'll start in Area 2, and need to work your way west via the boat to Area 1. On the way you can pick up some of the treasure you might have missed last time (they'll still be here for you), and have some easy battles with some of the old creatures, but then, once you finally get to the labyrinth...



This field area is a place where you can enjoy combat without regard to the progress of the story.



RAUL HILLS 1

ITEMS

- 1 Fairy Egg
- 2 Astral Miracle
- 3 Sonic Belt
- 4 Demon Necklace
- 5 Soul of a Hero
- 6 Lore of Magic
- 7 Platinum Feather
- 8 Energy Charm
- 9 Zero Broadsword
- 10 Useless Staff
- 11 Dull Knife
- 12 Rusty Hoop



Well, simply put, the Devils will **KILL YOU**. Or at least it's possible. Which is to say it's very possible. Unless,

of course, you're careful. The method of extermination that they utilize so ruthlessly is a variant on the spell Ba-Boom! In the hands of Devils, Ba-Boom! means "instant death," zero HP, for every party member. Game over. In other words, if there were ever a non-boss battle in the game where it was vital that you take the upper hand and you take *no* prisoners, this would be the one. As soon as battle



begins, go to work. Scan the enemy's status windows to see if anyone is planning Ba-Boom! — if so, immediately direct a Critical or other cancel-

attack their way. If Tio is up first, have her use Whisper to the Stars to increase all status levels (most importantly, your ACT). For Ryudo, it's a must that he uses the Sky Dragon Slash, and Elena the White Apocalypse. You'll probably have to repeat one or both of those powerful moves, but it should be enough to win the battle. Repeat every time you meet a Devil and you should be all right. But now you can see the importance of stocking up with Baobab Fruit, because Ryudo's and Elena's moves don't come for free.

There is so much awesome treasure here. The Soul of Heros, the Lore of Magic, the Fairy Egg, the Astral Miracle, you want it all, don't you? It's easy enough what with the prescribed methods of killing Devils — as seen above. When you've had your fill, go back to the crash site and head into the mausoleum...



BIRTHPLACE OF THE GODS



BIRTHPLACE OF THE GODS 1

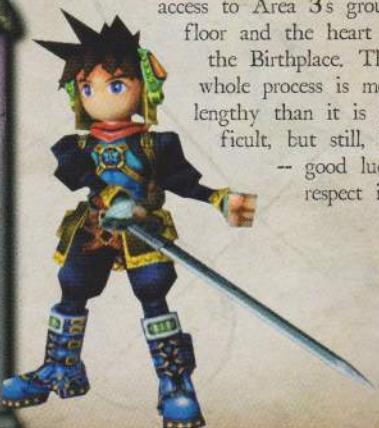
The Birthplace of the Gods is the beginning of the end. This is a long dungeon, though, so don't think you'll be gliding right into that segment we might label the end of the end. The basic trick to this place is to press the control panels whose colors correspond to doors cutting off or allowing access to given areas. Tied up with this is the necessity to light the three colored orbs over the elevator (also controlled by the correspondingly colored panels) in just the right way to grant you

access to Area 3's ground floor and the heart of the Birthplace. The whole process is more lengthy than it is difficult, but still, hey

-- good luck: respect it.

ITEMS

- 1 Dragon Egg
- 1 Book of Sages
- 1 Ethereal Miracle
- 2 7500G
- 3 Flame Stone
- 4 Hero's Cuirass
- 5 2500G



AREA MONSTERS

YETI

LV: 44 HP: 2130
Def: 245 Mov: 68 Act: 102
Mag Def: 153
XP: 74 SC: 9 MC: 4 GP: 117
Weak vs. Lightning, Strong vs. Earth
ITEMS

Serpentine Charming Heels

DEATH DOBERMAN

LV: 44 HP: 1790
Def: 291 Mov: 80 Act: 132
Mag Def: 173
XP: 83 SC: 13 MC: 115 GP: 106
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Wind
ITEMS

Yomi's Elixir Red Hair Band

EMERALD BIRD

LV: 45 HP: 1860
Def: 108 Mov: 81 Act: 117
Mag Def: 244
XP: 108 SC: 96 MC: 156 GP: 271
Weak vs. Fire, Strong vs. Ice
ITEMS

Magical Gold Feather Medicine

ANCIENT WARRIOR

LV: 45 HP: 2040
Def: 327 Mov: 63 Act: 122
Mag Def: 146
XP: 97 SC: 86 MC: 14 GP: 196
Weak vs. Ice, Strong vs. Fire
ITEMS

Jet-Black Cape Demon Ash



AREA MONSTERS

GUARDIAN



LV: 50 HP: 17000

Def: 324 Mov: 74 Act: 185
Mag Def: 213

XP: 500 SC: 0 MC: 2000 GP: 1600
Weak vs. Earth, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Omnipotent Seed Phoenix Ring

DUAL FIST



LV: 50 HP: 5800

Def: 303 Mov: 72 Act: 158
Mag Def: 204

XP: 450 SC: 1600 MC: 0 GP: 1200
Weak vs. Wind, Strong vs. Ice

ITEMS

Omnipotent Seed Elf King's Boots

ITEMS

- 6 Quake Stone
- 7 Hyper Mogay Bomb
- 8 Scarlet Potion
- 9 Mystic Potion
- 10 Sun Robe
- 11 Holy Crown
- 12 Gold Feather
- 13 Illusion Bandana
- 14 Hero's Elixir

You can't open the first (blue) door just yet, as you'll see. Go out and backtrack -- push the blue panel to open the blue doors. Then go over to the device in the eastern wing that resembles a super-civilized cannon and press **X**. A light beam will emit and bounce off the reflecting mirror into the blue control panel. The result? The post holding the Hero's Cuirass will lower, and the treasure will be yours. Scurry over to the control panel to make sure it's turned on: the blue orb over the elevator must be lit in order to make it operational. That done, circle up to the elevator, and take it to Area 2.



You'll now be in Area 2, or "the red area." From the elevator, head west and up the steps. The red doors before you will be shut, so head south, all the way down till you come to the save point. Save and recover. Now take the stairs to Area 3. (Don't worry about missing out on anything here, as you'll be back in no time flat.) Now on to the third floor, or "yellow." Run up the stairs then follow the south passage. You'll come out in a room with, oh no: two Dual Fists. White Apocalypse and Sky Dragon Slash, that's all there is to it. Repeat once as necessary. Your treasure is the Elf King's Boots. Splendid! Go restore, then come back and head north. (continued over)



BIRTHPLACE OF THE GODS 3

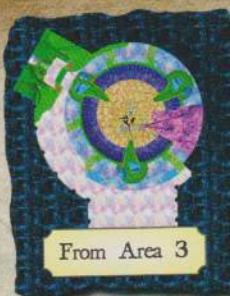
You can head north and collect the Hero's Elixir (the yellow door is shut for now). Follow through afterward along the area's northeastern branch and press the red light-cannon. The red door to the north will open. Get the treasure inside, and then the Hyper Mogay Bomb along the balcony.

Take the elevator to Area 1. Turn the blue control panel off, and then head for the western passage (now open) and push the reflector flush with the wall over to its other position; as for the reflector in the center, slide it halfway down its groove, no further. Press the light-cannon at the end of the passage, and you'll get the chest to lower to the floor -- probably the greatest chest in the game. Or at least the one containing the most obviously valuable valuables: the Dragon Egg, the Book of Sages, and the Ethereal Miracle. Return to the blue control panel and flick it back on. Exit Area 1 via the elevator.

Scoot down to Area 3 and turn off the yellow panel. You'll see the elevator take on a special glow directly thereafter, letting you know you did something right. Run back to Area 2 (dizzy yet?) and twist around and through to the red control room from the east door, then head north and go to the yellow door in the northwest that was previously inaccessible. Inside is the Illusion Bandana. You may now proceed to the elevator.

You'll emerge on the ground level of Area 3. Head west, restore and save, then examine the door! Following the dramatic series of events, hustle ever downward on the walkway and answer with the negative to the questions in the trial.

You'll come out at the mausoleum. When asked, choose the option to delay for preparations. Run outside and you can talk to the man in the crowd who will sell you everything from Cyrum, in addition to the power-up seeds and some other new accessories! Buy some Lores to make it happen. Save once just inside the Birthplace, then exit and go up to the energy circle. Press **X** and answer that you're ready to end it.



CONTROL ROOM

Bypass the yellow console to get the gold first in the northwest passage, then return. Press the console to open the yellow doors, and head to the southwest passage (which was previously inaccessible) to get the Panacea. Now backtrack and go through the yellow door just north of the yellow console. At the end of the passage, push the reflector block along its groove. You'll need to have it in position for what's going to come next. Run to the east. Press the light-shooting device's button, and out will burst a light ball that will trigger the yellow door directly south of the shooter to open. Therein lies treasure, most notably the Valkyrie Dress.

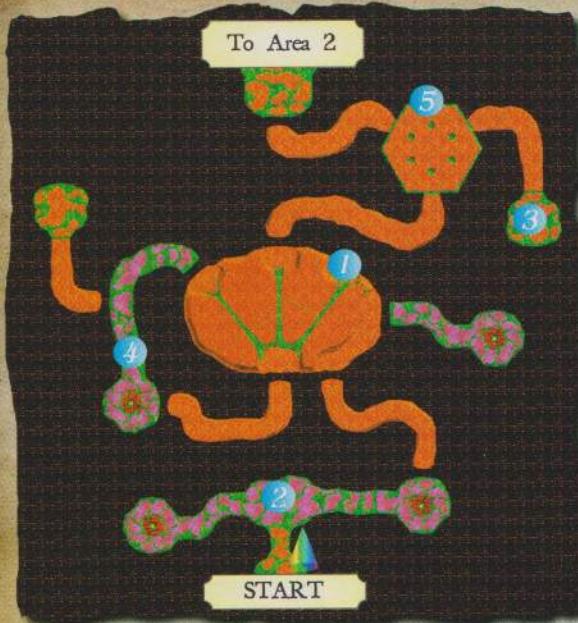
Now return to Area 2. When you come up the first staircase you'll see that the yellow door to the north that you were once able to pass through has been closed off. Walk by this door and into the passage ahead to the west, but not before you heal up. For there's a big fight coming up -- two Guardians in the room ahead. Use the same tactics as with the Dual Fists, and you'll come away with the **Phoenix Ring** for Tio, her most powerful weapon. With everything clear, head north to the red console, and give it a press. Now the three colors are lit... but you're still unable to take the elevator to Area 3...



ITEMS

- 15 Gale Stone
- 16 Valkyrie Dress
- 17 Angel's Ring
- 18 Indigo Potion
- 19 Super Mogay Bomb
Hyper Mogay Bomb
Kojin Charm
- 20 2500G
- 21 Panacea

NEW VALMAR



NEW VALMAR 1

And Now for the Conclusion

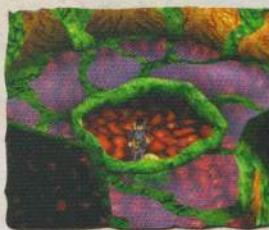
Well it looks like you've made it to the end. Still, the final challenge inside of New Valmar is another lengthy affair that will require stamina and a fair bit of patience. But hold on and brace yourself: soon it will be gone forever...

ITEMS

- 1 Scarlet Potion
- 2 Gold Feather
- 3 Loving Ribbon
- 4 3000G
- 5 Potion of Azure
- 6 All-Around Seed
- 7 Dirk

Over and Under and Back Again

The elevator panels can raise or lower you beneath the surface with a press of their central orb. Go west and press this first one to slip underneath the blocked passage and to the east. Then come on back to the surface.



Inside of New Valmar, two-tier dungeon design is taken to a new level... pun intended. There won't be any extraordinarily difficult navigation involving going up and over here. Throughout Area 1, you'll only have to race around below ground for a relatively short amount of time to get where you need.

AREA MONSTERS

KILLER TREE

LV: 44 HP: 2310
Def: 382 Mov: 71 Act: 134
Mag Def: 75
XP: 117 SC: 34 MC: 6 GP: 186
Weak vs. Earth, Strong vs. Fire
ITEMS
All-Around Seed Omnipotent Seed

VALMAR MAGNA

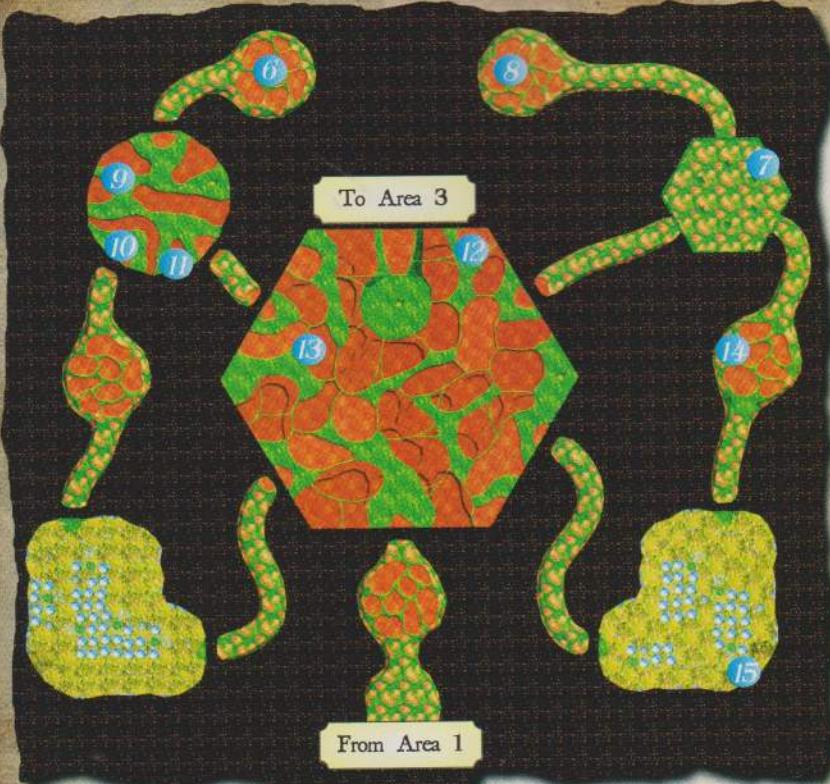
LV: 51 HP: 20000
Def: 336 Mov: 79 Act: 214
Mag Def: 176
XP: 600 SC: 50 MC: 300 GP: 1500
Strong vs. Fire
ITEMS
Brave Dirk Mystic Potion

VALMAR MOTH

LV: 51 HP: 3200
Def: 303 Mov: 142 Act: 230
Mag Def: 104
XP: 100 SC: 60 MC: 50 GP: 80
Weak vs. Fire
ITEMS
Yomi's Elixir Meteor Scroll

MIND EATER

LV: 47 HP: 2200
Def: 263 Mov: 43 Act: 128
Mag Def: 285
XP: 128 SC: 12 MC: 27 GP: 142
Weak vs. Lightning, Strong vs. Ice
ITEMS
Mana Crystals Seed of Magic



NEW VALMAR 2



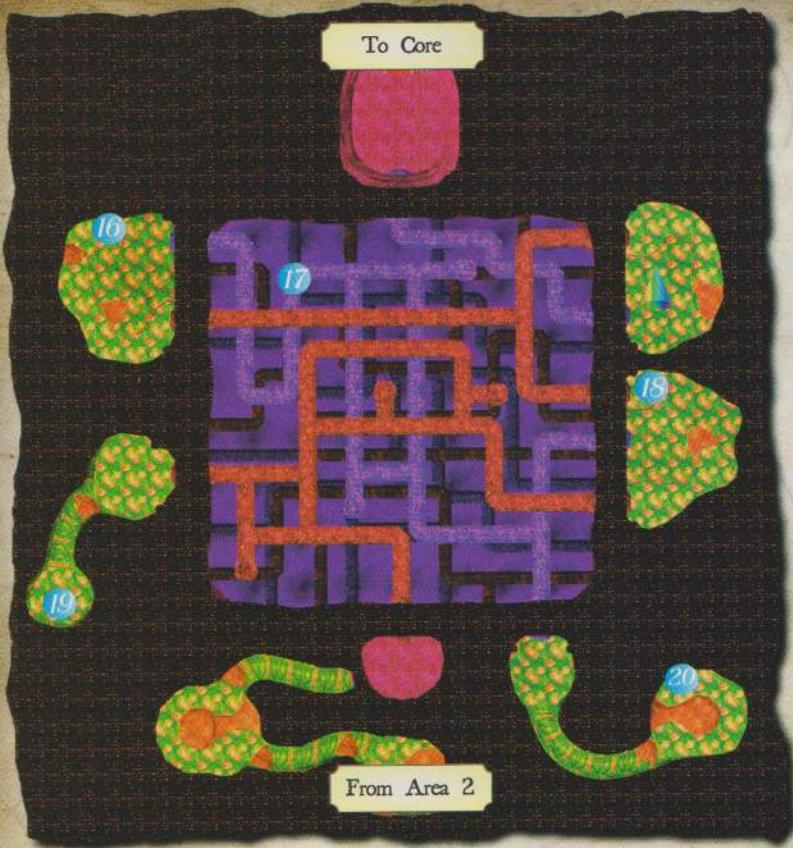
ITEMS

- 6 Holy Ghost Staff
- 7 God of War Helm
- 8 Indigo Potion
- 9 Mystic Potion
- 10 Holy Sword Armor
- 11 Scattering Stone
- 12 Yomi's Elixir
- 13 3000G
- 14 9000G
- 15 Yomi's Elixir

Scamper out into the main area. Proceed into the western passage until you come upon the elevator to change your level. Go up, then circle around to that self-same tunnel via the green "highwire"-stalks aboveground in the main passage to nick the All-Around Seed. Return out to the stalks and run along the eastmost one to open the chest containing the Scarlet Potion, Gold Feather, and Loving Ribbon. Now run along the middle stalk and head north. You'll come to a room containing a host of dilating orb-buttons; push the one in front of each passage/alcove to gain access to its treasure or through-way (or even some unwanted enemies). You'll hit the final room of Area 1 via the northwestern route, where you've got to fight a Valmar Magna and two Valmar Moths. Just go all out with your strongest Moves -- there's a save point to restore at up ahead inside of Area 2.

After emerging in the second area, turn west and prepare for your first experience with a bug hatchery. The sheer amount of Moths which crack from the red eggs may disgruntle you, but take heed in knowing that on the other side lies the Holy Sword Armor, and equipping it on Ryudo means all of his moves are in for a significant increase! (Did you think the Sky Dragon Slash could get any stronger?)





NEW VALMAR 3

Now on to Area 3. Slice the glob blocks at the beginning to get by. More importantly, dodge the swatting green tentacle-planks in the first room. The electrical-impulse-like clouds swarming about the tube structure in the main areas are just that: swarms of Valmar Moths. If you aren't careful to duck into alcoves of the tube-network, you'll be forced to fight every time you come in contact with a swarm. So... watch it.

ITEMS

- 16 Golden Potion
- 17 Mystic Potion
- 18 Mystic Potion
Battle Manicure
Ogre Shoes
- 19 Meteor Scroll
Face Paint
Priestess' Robe
- 20 Omnipotent Seed

The blue tubes; ah yes, the blue tubes. They are at a lower level. Take one of them to the southeast and grab the Omnipotent Seed. Then twist around to the save room-right after you explore the fork leading to the Ogre Shoes chest. When you finally wind to the main northern room, you'll fight two Valmar Magnas. This is almost it, kids. Go back, save, then enter the core.

Now cross over to the eastern wing. Down in the southeastern-most corner of Area 2 lies the second hatchery. So then, hack through the Moths, get the Yomi's Elixir, and emerge to the main area again. Press the globule button nearby to alter the tectonics. Now press the globule in the very north to make the levels shift even more. You can now access the save point, and also the northwestern area you couldn't get at before. Head there and grab the Holy Ghost Staff, which is the absolute pinnacle of staffery. Press down on the golbule in this portion to make the bottom floor raise up and allow you to pluck its treasure.

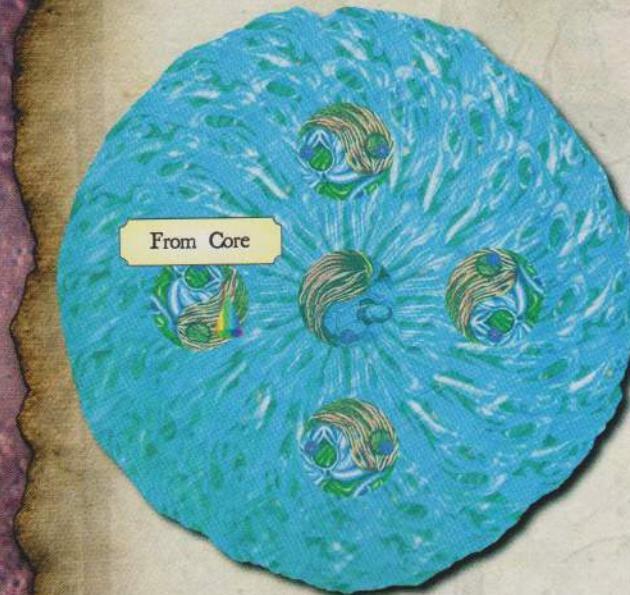


The Endgame



NEW VALMAR CORE

The first set of bosses defeated, you'll gain another member to the party! But just as it seems that five will be company, a chasm rips forth, declaring that five was in fact a crowd, and separates your team: it's now only Ryudo, Elena, and the other member left. Skill-equip this new member (whose identity I'm being intentionally coy about revealing) and make sure you're all set. Then, step into the green circle to warp to the Room of Chaos. This is the final, *final* end, for real, this time. Honest. Now good luck. Save and restore at the save point, then let the endgame commence.



ROOM OF CHAOS

BOSS

FINAL BOSSSES PART ONE

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BODY

LV: 55 HP: 48000

XP: 0 SC: 0

MC: 0 GP: 0

LEFT HEAD.....HP: 35000

XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

MIDDLE HEAD.....HP: 42000

XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

RIGHT HEAD.....HP: 28000

XP: 0 SC: 0 MC: 0 GP: 0

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LV: 55 HP: 48000

XP: 0 SC: 0

MC: 0 GP: 0

???

First off: have Tio use her Whisper to the Stars (and repeat) when she has her first chance. The Destruction Light is not pretty, and hits for over a thousand. Therefore put someone on Alhealer or Healing Incense duty, if only occasionally. Besides damaging big-time, the Dead Claw move will bestow Move Blocks on its victims, which is an unlovely problem you don't need. (While not as devastating as the Dead Claw, the Hammer Claw can still mow, and how, through several of the party members.) Have Roan perform the True Dragon Rise on the individual heads; with Ryudo doing Sky Dragon Slash, and Elena with White Apocalypse, of course. The main Body's Vanish attack will dismiss all of your party's status bonuses; but it's the Day of Judgment which is the most deadly. It will -1 your MOV and do approximately 1500HP damage to everyone. You must persevere.

BOSS

FINAL BOSSSES PART TWO

VALMAR'S TONGUE

LV: 52 HP: 27000

XP: 3000 SC: 4000

MC: 1000 GP: 0

LEFT HAND.....HP: 18000

RIGHT HAND.....HP: 18000

HEAD.....HP: 9000

VALMAR'S EYE

LV: 53 HP: 20000

XP: 3000 SC: 4000

MC: 1000 GP: 0

L. TENDRIL.....HP: 20000

R. TENDRIL.....HP: 20000

EYEBALL BATS...HP: 20000

VALMAR'S HEART

LV: 54 HP: 25000

XP: 3000 SC: 4000

MC: 1000 GP: 0

LEFT EYE.....HP: 16000

RIGHT EYE.....HP: 16000

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LV: 56 HP: 36000

This is it: the final battle. Nonetheless, the first boss detailed above in "Part One" actually stands as the more difficult. Which means if you've made it this far, you won't have much of a problem. Go all out, use everything you've got... and you'll experience a joyous end! Congratulations (in advance)!



The End.

APPENDIX

Weapons

SWORDS Used By: Ryudo			
Name	Price	ATK	Special Abilities
Zero Broadsword	--	-0-	
Geoblade	400	-18	
Falk	500	-22	
Shamshir	620	-26	
Army Saber	750	-32	
Samurai Blade	900	-38	
Sword of Purity	1200	-40	Effective on the undead.
Flamberge	1440	-40	Fire-based sword (Burn!)
Shadowblade	4000	-44	-4 to MOV: Sudden Death.
Swordfish Sword	2200	-52	
Ogre Slayer	2600	-55	Effective on humanoids.
Claymore	3600	-60	
Fine Broadsword	4500	-70	
Sword of Mikage	6900	-77	
Silver Freeze	7480	-80	Blizzard-based (Freeze!)
Silence Sword	8500	-85	Magic-block ability.
Maken Valborg	12000	-100	Drains HP as 10% of damage.
Holy Soul Blade	14000	-112	Attack drops enemy DEF -1.
Blazing Sword	17000	-120	Fire-based sword.
Icefang Sword	18000	-122	Blizzard-based sword.
Thor Sword	19000	-125	Lightning-based sword.
Granasaber	--	-150	Cuts SP consumption by 15%.

STAFFS Used By: Elena			
Name	Price	ATK	Special Abilities
Useless Staff	--	-0	
Dragon Wand	15000	-11	Lightning-based (DragonZap)
Prayer Staff	500	-22	
Iron Rod	720	-30	
Flame Staff	1250	-40	Fire-based (Burn!)
Battle Rod	960	-45	
Oracle's Staff	1800	-50	Cures confusion.
Sister's Staff	3500	-55	Can cast Cure.
Blazing Staff	4200	-60	Fire-based (Burnflame!)
Whirlwind Staff	4200	-60	Wind-based (Howlslash)
Quarry Staff	4200	-60	Earth-based (Tremor)
Lullaby Staff	5880	-65	Sleep effect.
Buster Flail	4400	-70	-5 MOV.
Aromatic Root	7200	-75	Can cast Refresh.
Silver Flail	6800	-82	-5 MOV.
Golden Flail	8200	-92	-5 MOV.
Priest's Staff	12000	-99	Can cast Halvah.
Decalogue Staff	11800	-108	Magic/move block effect.
Guardian Staff	15500	-118	Earth-based (Diggin')
Huge Flail	17000	-128	-5 MOV.
Holy Ghost Staff	--	-138	Cuts MP consumption by 10%.

BOWS Used By: Millenia			
Name	Price	ATK	Special Abilities
Crossbow	860	·35	
Burning Bow	1440	·45	Fire-based.
Flying Fish Bow	2400	·55	Effective against birds.
Arbalest	4500	·70	
Dread Bow	7400	·85	
Exorcism Bow	11500	·105	Effective on the undead.
Black Angel Bow	22000	·135	Drains MP as 10% of damage.

KNIVES Used By: Roan			
Name	Price	ATK	Special Abilities
Dull Knife	--	·0	
Multiple Knife	650	·28	
Hunter's Knife	880	·36	Effective against animals.
Ice Pick	1440	·44	Blizzard effect.
Flint Knife	2000	·48	
Poisoned Knife	2980	·50	Poison effect.
Warp Knife	2750	·55	Warp during attack.
Main Gauche	4600	·62	·10 DEF.
Soul Eater	6800	·75	Drains HP as 10% of damage.
Sword Breaker	14500	·110	Attack drops enemy ATK -1.
Gladius	--	·125	
Dirk	23000	·140	Casts WOW!
Brave Dirk	26000	·145	·5 SP recovery during attack.

AXES Used By: Mareg			
Name	Price	ATK	Special Abilities
Battleax	1180	·42	
Hammer Axe	2200	·52	
Dragonslayer Axe	3680	·58	Effective against reptiles.

CHAKRAMS Used By: Tio			
Name	Price	ATK	Special Abilities
Rusty Hoop	--	·0	
Moon Claw	4480	·68	
Double Moon	6900	·77	
Discus	8400	·86	Effective on bugs / crustaceans.
Bloody Saucer	9200	·90	Drains HP as 10% of damage.
Binding Circle	12000	·92	Lightning-based; paralysis.
Balor	13800	·108	·5% SP consumption.
Angel Circle	15500	·116	Effective against the undead.
Wind Cutter	18000	·122	Wind-based.
Demon Shuriken	19800	·128	·5 ACT.
Phoenix Ring	25000	·142	·1 SP recovery.



Armor & Defense

HEAVY ARMOR Used By: Ryudo, Mareg			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Shoulder Guards	1280	·23	
Plate Mail	1400	·25	
Swordfish Armor	2800	·30	
BlackQuartz Mail	5500	·38	
Warrior Mail	8500	·45	
Dragonscale Mail	9800	·50	
Halo Armor	16500	·55	Level 2 lightning resistance.
Paladin Armor	18000	·60	Poison/paralysis/plague resistance.
Moonstone Armor	20000	·65	Magic block resistance.
Holy Sword Armor	32000	·75	Raises power of moves.
LIGHT ARMOR Used By: Ryudo, Roan, Mareg, Tio			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Leather Armor	750	·17	
Chain Mail	950	·20	
Shell Armor	1500	·26	
Ancient Cuirass	3600	·32	Suppresses IP slowing.
Earthen Cuirass	8200	·42	Level 2 earth resistance.
Flame Armor	9200	·46	Level 2 fire resistance.
Dark Armor	13000	·52	·1 SP recovery when damaged.
Aura Armor	19800	·64	Ups power of moves.
Reflect Mail	25000	·68	Sometimes reflects damage.
Hero's Cuirass	29000	·72	Restores some HP in combat.
DRESSES Used By: Elena, Millenia, Tio			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Tight Dress	10	·0	Nulls magic of friends and foes.
Crimson Bolero	1120	·22	

Flare Dress Used By: Ryudo, Mareg			
Mithril Dress	8000	·40	
Red Fur Coat	9200	·46	Level 2 blizzard resistance.
Sylph's Robe	12800	·48	Level 2 wind resistance.
Resist Dress	17800	·56	Level 1 all attack resistance.
Tenma's Dress	28000	·72	Level 2 all attack resistance.
Valkyrie Dress	30000	·74	·5 ATK.
ROBES Used By: Elena, Millenia, Roan, Tio			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Guardian Robe	1200	·22	Gives poison resistance.
Pixie's Robe	2600	·26	Sleep/confusion resistance.
Sister's Robe	4500	·35	Gives poison resistance.
Purple Robe	4500	·35	Gives paralysis resistance.
Priest's Robe	16000	·54	Poison/paralysis resistance.
Imperial Garb	—	·60	
Angel's Robe	18800	·62	Restores some HP in combat.
Priestess' Robe	27000	·68	All status order resistance.
CLOTH ARMOR Used By: All			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Cuir Bouilli	500	·12	
Leather Jacket	650	·14	
Adventure Clothes	720	·16	
Quilted Silk	800	·18	
Illusion Clothes	3480	·32	Ups evasion by 5%.
Lion Field Garb	5980	·35	·5 ATK.
Ancient Suit	8000	·40	
Dragon Vest	9500	·48	·5 MOV.
Ninja Clothes	11500	·54	Ups evasion by 10%.

Holy Clothes	17200	·58	Gives plague resistance.
Sun Robe	27500	·70	Reduces IP slowing.
HELMS Used By: Ryudo, Mareg, Roan (Later)			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities.
Stone Head	450	·11	Negates knock-back.
Iron Helm	600	·15	
Swordfish Helmet	1250	·20	
Ogre Helm	1450	·25	·5 MOV.
BlackQuartz Helm	2200	·25	
Battle Helm	3400	·30	
Dragon Bone Helm	4000	·36	
Charisma Helm	8000	·38	·5 ACT.
Adamantine Helm	6200	·42	Suppresses IP slowing.
Paladin Helm	7000	·44	Gives magic block resistance.
Reflect Helm	11000	·45	Sometimes reflects 10% of damage.
God of War Helm	12400	·50	Suppresses IP slowing.
HEADPIECES Used By: Elena, Millenia, Tio, Roan (Later)			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities.
Red Hair Ribbon	10	·0	Restores some HP in combat.
Silk Hair Band	200	·2	
Ruby Barrette	350	·8	Level 1 fire resistance.
Magnolia Bandana	1080	·16	Level 1 earth resistance.
Lightning Tiara	3100	·26	Level 1 lightning resistance.
Azure Barrette	3400	·30	
Fairy Ribbon	3500	·32	Confusion resistance.
Moonlight Tiara	9200	·42	Level 1 confusion/blizzard resistance.
Starlight Tiara	11800	·45	Cuts MP consumption by 15%.
Loving Ribbon	11500	·46	Restore some HP in combat.
Holy Crown	12000	·48	Suppresses IP slowing.

BANDANAS Used By: Ryudo, Roan, Mareg, Tio			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities.
Hair Band	--	·2	
Bandana	250	·5	
Leather Bandana	350	·8	
Iron Bandana	480	·12	
Hide Turban	550	·14	
Bravery Bandana	2800	·22	·5 ACT
Black Band	2250	·22	Sleep resistance.
Mercury Bandana	3200	·26	·10 MOV.
Flame Bandana	3600	·30	Level 1 fire resistance.
Man's Headband	4200	·36	·10 ATK; Suppresses IP slowing.
Illusion Bandana	11800	·48	Sometimes evades attack.
HATS Used By: All			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities.
Climbing Hat	240	·4	
Traveler's Hat	300	·6	
Guardian Hat	450	·10	Gives sleep resistance.
Feathered Hat	1120	·18	
Sister's Hat	1750	·20	Paralysis resistance.
Wizard's Hat	2000	·22	Magic block resistance.
Phoenix Hat	4800	·34	Reduces IP slowing.
Priest's Hat	5800	·36	Magic/move block resistance.
BOOTS Used By: All			
Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities.
Leather Leggings	280	·4	
Hunter's Boots	400	·4	·8 MOV.
Wing Boots	720	·5	·15 MOV; Level 2 earth resist.
Heavy Boots	800	·6	·10 MOV; negates knock-back.

Mach Boots	1100	-6	-20 MOV.
Warrior Leggings	1400	-10	-10 MOV.
Battle Boots	1800	-12	-12 MOV.
Wolf Boots	3100	-15	-15 MOV; ups evasion by 5%.
Royal Boots	--	-18	-18 MOV.
Elf King's Boots	6200	-20	-5 MOV; Level 2 attack resist.
Lion Boots	5000	-20	-20 MOV.

SHOES Used By: All

Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Man's Iron Clogs	820	-0	-5 MOV; negates knock-back.
Pumps	160	-0	-4 MOV; Mareg can't wear.
Crampoms	420	-0	-4 MOV; Level 2 blizzard resist.
Children's Boots	180	-0	-8 MOV; Mareg can't wear.
Climbing Boots	200	-2	-6 MOV.
Dash Shoes	460	-4	-10 MOV.
Giant's Shoes	520	-5	-5 MOV; only Mareg can wear.
Odd Wooden Clogs	580	-5	-5 MOV; gives warp evasion.
Flame Shoes	600	-5	-5 MOV; Level 2 fire resist.
Warp Shoes	1600	-10	Warp movement.
Shadow Shoes	1550	-10	-15 MOV; ups evasion by 10%.
Ogre Shoes	2000	-10	-50 MOV.

HEELS Used By: Elena, Millenia, Tio

Name	Price	DEF	Special Abilities
Charming Heels	10	-0	Ups evasion by 25%.
Hi-Heels	150	-0	-2 MOV.
Red Shoes	2000	-0	-10 MOV; -5 ACT.
Queen Heels	4000	-0	-10 MOV; -10 ACT; reduces IP slowing.
Glass Slippers	8000	-0	-10 MOV; -20 ACT.
Magic Hi-Heels	1100	-8	-12 MOV.

Goddess Hi-Heels	2000	-10	-5 MOV; Level 1 attack resist.
Rainbow Hi-Heels	1750	-14	-14 MOV; gives warp evasion.

Accessories

Used By: All			
Name	Price	Special Abilities	
Shogun's Brace	5000	-40 DEF.	
Magical Brace	1500	-20 DEF.	
Gauntlet	800	-15 DEF.	
Iron Bracelet	400	-8 DEF.	
Leather Brace	240	-4 DEF.	
Hercules' Brace	660	-5 ATK.	
Anklet	1000	-40 ACT.	
Pretty Bracelet	5000		
Friends Necklace	2500	-25 DEF.	
Coral Necklace	1800	-10 DEF; poison/sleep/confusion resist.	
Crystal Brooch	800	-10 DEF; Level 3 earth resist.	
Fire Pendant	800	-10 DEF; Level 3 fire resist.	
Demon Necklace	20000	Cuts MP consumption by 25%.	
Forbear Necklace	2000	-10 ACT; suppresses IP slowing.	
Pretty Necklace	10000		
Crescent Jade	1500	-15 DEF; sleep/confusion resist.	
Talisman	1500	-15 ATK; poison/paralysis resist.	
Energy Ring	3000	-15 DEF; damage ups SP by 5%.	
Thunder Ring	1000	-10 DEF; Level 3 lightning/paralysis resist.	
Snake Earrings	800	-10 DEF; poison resistance.	
Reflection Ring	750	-10 DEF; sometimes reflects damage.	
Healing Ring	500	-5 DEF; can cast Heal.	
Ring of Guarding	5000	-5 DEF; resist all status disorders.	

Angel's Ring	10000	-5 DEF; restores some HP in combat.
Revival Gem	5000	-5 DEF; revives fallen members once.
Godspeed Ring	2500	-15 ACT.
Rune Necklace	750	-5 ACT; suppresses IP slowing.
Titan's Ring	1800	-20 ACT.
Moebius Ring	750	-2 ATK/DEF/ACT/MOV.
Jade Charm	420	-2 ATK/DEF.
Rage Ring	1200	-10 ATK; damage ups SP by 3%.
Meteor Earring	1500	-20 MOV; ups evasion by 20%.
Mirage Earring	600	-10 MOV; ups evasion by 15%.
Energy Charm	18000	Cuts SP consumption by 25%.
Mana Insignia	7500	Cuts MP consumption by 15%.
Dark Ring	750	Negates damage under 100.
Pretty Ring	1000	
Raincoat	800	-10 DEF; sleep resistance.
Arctic Cape	800	-10 DEF; Level 3 blizzard resist.
North Wind Cape	600	-10 MOV; Level 3 wind resist.
Jet-Black Cape	15000	All status resist; Level 5 attack resist.
Mystic Veil	12000	All status disorder resist.
Sonic Belt	15000	-40 ACT.
Heracles' Belt	6200	-40 ATK.
Salamander Tail	800	-40 ATK; Level 10 fire resist.
Black Belt	2200	-15 ATK; ups power of moves.
Heavy Stone	120	-5 DEF; -5 MOV; negates knockback.
King's Pride	5000	-25 ATK; ups power of moves.
Soul of Asura	12000	Combo attack -2.
Demon's Tears	5000	Combo attack -1.
Dragon Scales	1500	Negates damage under 200.
Bonds of Trust	2	-5 ACT (raises IP).

Mana Crystals	25000	Restores some MP in combat.
Kojin Charm	10000	Level 3 all attack resistance.
Divine Talisman	6000	Cuts SP consumption by 15%.
Relief Tag	4000	Restores some HP in combat.
Mars Talisman	2000	Move/magic block resist (Refresh)
Poison Charm	250	Poison resistance.
Paralysis Charm	250	Paralysis resistance.
Sleep Charm	250	Sleep resistance.
Confusion Charm	250	Confusion resistance.
Plague Charm	600	Plague resistance.
Move Block Charm	400	Move block resistance.
Magic Block Charm	400	Magic block resistance.
Fire Charm	400	Level 5 fire resistance.
Wind Charm	400	Level 5 wind resistance.
Earth Charm	400	Level 5 earth resistance.
Lightning Charm	400	Level 5 lightning resistance.
Blizzard Charm	400	Level 5 blizzard resistance.

Items

RECOVERY ITEMS Used By: All		
Name	Price	Special Abilities
Medicinal Herb	10	Restores 200 HP to one.
Wound Salve	24	Restores 400 HP to one.
Yomi's Elixir	500	Resurrects with full HP.
Poison Antidote	14	Cures poison in one.
Paralysis Salve	14	Cures paralysis in one.
Healing Herb	50	250HP to all.
Hero's Elixir	1000	Revives character, -5 all levels.
Miracle Elixir	1000	Revives character right to COM.

Purifying Herb	40	Cures poison and paralysis in one.
Torte's Reedpipe	30	Awakens a sleeping character.
Eye Drops	14	Awakens a sleeping character.
Smelling Salts	20	Cures confusion in one.
Vaccine	100	Cures plague in one.
Move Blessing	50	Releases move blocks in one.
Magic Blessing	50	Releases magic blocks in one.
Blessing Scroll	150	Releases move/magic blocks in one.
Panacea	500	Cures all status disorders in one.
Mystic Potion	500	Restores all HP to one.
Scarlet Potion	250	Restores 1600 HP to one.
Potion of Azure	750	Restores 1500 HP to all.
Healing Fruit	100	Restores 1200 HP to one.
Caterpillar Soup	500	1000 HP to some; cures plague.
Healing Incense	400	Restores 1000 HP to all.
Holy Wound Salve	60	Restores 800 HP to one.
Fresh Sandwich	100	600 HP to one; cures poison/paralysis.
Scroll of Alheal	120	Restores 500 HP to all.
Toad Oil	80	Restores 300HP to one; -2DEF.
Golden Nut	2000	Restores 72 HP to one.
Indigo Potion	1000	Restores all MP to one.
Magical Medicine	360	Restores 100 MP to one.
Grail Fruit	120	Restores 50 MP to one.
Lumin Flower	40	Restores 25 MP to one.
Nut of Light	2000	Restores all SP to all.
Golden Potion	1000	Restores all SP to one.
Baobab Fruit	360	Restores 100 SP to one.
Butter Roll	120	Restores 50 SP to one.
Blueberry	40	Restores 25 SP to one.

Calming Harp	250	Restores 200 HP to some; may break.
Mana Harp	200	Restores 25 MP to one; may break.
Lion Harp	800	Restores 25 SP to one; may break.
Golden Statue	1000	Restores 5 MP to one.
BATTLE ITEMS		Used By: All
Name	Price	Special Abilities
Icefang Stone	150	1200 Power on one; blizzard-based.
Electrum Stone	250	750 Power on some; lightning-based.
Gale Stone	200	700 Power on some; wind-based.
Flame Stone	200	650 Power on some; fire-based.
Quake Stone	200	650 Power on some; earth-based.
Thor Stone	750	1500 Power on all; lightning-based.
Red Bird Stone	250	1200 Power to one; fire-based.
Scattering Stone	50	Scatters bunched-up friends in battle.
Hyper Mogay Bomb	2000	2000 Power on all; cancel effect.
Super Mogay Bomb	1000	1000 Power on some; big IP damage.
Mogay Bomb	250	500 Power on some; IP damage.
Serpentine	500	1500 Power on all.
Spiderweb	400	1200 Power on some; -1 MOV.
Dynamite	240	1000 Power on some.
Red Goblin Toad	120	900 Power; poison effect.
Holy Ashes	200	700 Power on some; good vs. undead.
Insecticide Bomb	60	650 Power on one; good vs. bugs.
Makibishi	150	600 Power on some; -1 MOV.
Sandman Whiskers	1000	500 Power on one; -1 DEF.
Mushroom Cloud	20	400 Power on one.
Firebomb	60	300 Power on some; fire-based.
Hand Grenade	60	300 Power on on some.
Goblin Toadstool	30	250 Power on one; poison effect.

Meteor Scroll	500	2500 Power on one.
Fireball Scroll	50	400 Power on one; fire-based.
Whirlwind Scroll	60	300 Power on some; wind-based.
Battle Manicure	150	-5 ATK Level on one.
Face Paint	150	-5 ACT Level on one.
Demon Ash	200	-1 all Levels on one.
Muscle Mushroom	50	-2 ATK Level on some.
Guard Mushroom	50	-2 DEF Level on some.
Speed Mushroom	50	-2 ACT Level on some.
Runner Mushroom	50	-2 MOV Level on some.
Myriad Power Nut	20	-1 ATK Level on some.
Patience Nut	20	-1 DEF Level on some.
Sympathy Nut	20	-1 ACT Level on some.
Swiftness Nut	20	-1 MOV Level on some.
Powerless Nut	50	-1 ATK Level on some.
Weakness Nut	50	-1 DEF Level on some.
Exhaustion Nut	50	-1 ACT Level on some.
Slowpoke Nut	50	-1 MOV Level on some.
Sleeping Harp	250	Sleep effect on some; may break.
Silence Lute	250	Magic block on some; may break.
Mermaid Harp	250	Confusion effect on some; may break.
Bone Harp	250	-2 DEF Level on some; may break.
Platinum Feather	2500	Greatly increases IP on all.
Gold Feather	1000	Greatly increases IP on some.
Silver Feather	5000	Greatly increases IP on one.
Kuko Berry	10	Confusion effect on one.

RARE ITEMS Used By: All		
Name	Price	Special Abilities
Seed of Life	10000	-10 to max HP.
Seed of Spells	10000	-10 to max MP.
Seed of Moves	10000	-10 to max SP.
Seed of Power	10000	-3 to Strength.
Seed of Defense	10000	-3 to Vitality.
Seed of Swift	10000	-3 to Agility.
Seed of Running	10000	-3 to Speed.
Seed of Magic	10000	-3 to Magic.
Seed of Psyche	10000	-3 to Mentality.
All-Around Seed	--	-10 to max HP/SP/MP.
Omnipotent Seed	--	-3 to STR/VIT/AGI/SPD/MAG/MEN.
Poff Nut	50	Feed to Catio.
Lore of Moves	10000	-1000 SC.
Lore of Magic	10000	-1000 MC.
Miracle Scales	--	Carrying it doubles gold earned.
Soul of a Hero	--	Carrying it doubles XP earned.
Astral Miracle	--	Carrying it doubles SC earned.
Ethereal Miracle	--	Carrying it doubles MC earned.
Missanga		There'd be a plot spoiler in telling...
Roan's Medal		Roan's family heirloom.



Moves

Tenseiken Slash	Ryudo	Golden Hammer	Roan
SP: 24	Upward slash from below; cancel effect. (One Enemy.)	SP: 22	Attack with a huge hammer; cancel effect. (One Enemy.)
Flying Tenseiken	Ryudo	Snowball Fight!	Roan
SP: 40	Skye grabs enemy for an uppercut slash. (One Enemy.)	SP: 40	Attack by throwing a huge snowball. (Some Enemies.)
Purple Lightning	Ryudo	Dragon Rise	Roan
SP: 32	Deadly slash with a lightning-lit sword. (One Enemy.)	SP: 38	"Legendary" esoteric attack. (One Enemy.)
Sky Dragon Slash	Ryudo	Vitality March	Roan
SP: 99	"The ultimate esoteric deadly slash." (All Enemies.)	SP: 20	Cures status disorders with a green flute. (All Allies.)
Impact Bomb	Elena	Ice Prison	Roan
SP: 25	Ball of light pounds enemies; cancel effect. (One Enemy.)	SP: 30	Deadly slash with cold. (One Enemy.)
Nightmare Ball	Elena	True Dragon Rise	Roan
SP: 18	Bubbles from staff put enemies asleep. (Some Enemies.)	SP: 42	"True legendary" esoteric attack. (One Enemy.)
Droplets of Life	Elena	Beast-Fang Cut	Mareg
SP: 90	Water of life completely restores all. (All Allies.)	SP: 26	Spirited attack with axe; cancel effect. (One Enemy.)
White Apocalypse	Elena	Beast-King Blast	Mareg
SP: 80	Intense light reduces enemies to dust. (All Enemies.)	SP: 52	Blast enemies with beast-soul power. (Enemies in Vicinity.)
Arrow Shot	Millenia	Beast-King Smash	Mareg
SP: 25	A single surefire shot; cancel effect. (One Enemy.)	SP: 44	Killer blow with all mind and body. (One Enemy.)
Heel Crush	Millenia	Lion Roar	Mareg
SP: 20	Deadly heel attack saps enemy spirit: -1 ACT/-1 MOV. (One Enemy.)	SP: 18	Heartening roar increases attack power. (All Allies.)
Fallen Wings	Millenia	Lotus Flower	Tio
SP: 75	Attack with wing power. (All Enemies.)	SP: 28	A splendid attack; cancel effect. (Enemy Line.)
Starving Tongue	Millenia	Fast-Dance Whirl	Tio
SP: 55	Absorb HP with tongue power. (All Enemies.)	SP: 38	A legendary attack dance. (One Enemy.)
Spellbinding Eye	Millenia	Whisper to Stars	Tio
SP: 60	Block enemy movement. (One Enemy.)	SP: 36	Power of stars raises all variable status. (All Allies.)
Grudging Claw	Millenia	Tornado	Tio
SP: 42	Split enemy with claw power. (One Enemy.)	SP: 48	A dance move that stops wind currents. (All Enemies.)

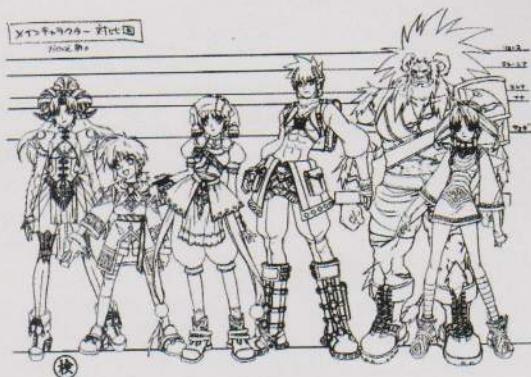
Magic

Burn!	Chaos/Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 6	Attack enemy with fireballs. (One Enemy.)
Burnflame	Chaos/Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 16	Attack with a huge pillar of fire. (Some Enemies.)
Burnstrike	Chaos/Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 20	Attack enemy with countless firebirds. (One Enemy.)
Hellburner	Chaos/Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 42	Burn up enemy with fire. (All Enemies.)
Heal	Holy/Chaos/Mist/Gravity/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 6	Restores a little HP. (One Ally.)
Healer	Holy/Chaos/Mist/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 12	Restores a lot of HP (One Ally.)
Healer +	Holy/Mist/Fairy Egg
MP: 24	Restores all HP. (One Ally.)
Alhealer	Holy/Gravity/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 18	Restores a lot of HP. (All Allies.)
Snooze	Holy/Chaos/Gravity/Star Egg
MP: 5	Puts enemies to sleep with bubbles. (All Enemies.)
Resurrect	Mist/Soul/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 40	Revives a fallen character. (One Ally.)
Howl	Chaos/Mist/Soul/Dragon Egg
MP: 9	Attack with tornado energy. (One Enemy.)
Howlslash	Chaos/Mist/Soul/Dragon Egg
MP: 14	Attack with sharp wind blades. (Enemy Line.)
Howlnado	Chaos/Mist/Soul/Dragon Egg
MP: 45	Tornado attack that engulfs all enemies. (All Enemies.)
Shhh!	Holy/Mist/Soul Egg
MP: 10	Blocks magic with a vacuum. (Some Enemies.)
Runner	Holy/Chaos/Mist/Fairy Egg
MP: 3	Boosts Movement with a tailwind. (All Allies.)
Tremor	Holy/Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 15	Call up earth energy and attack. (Some Enemies.)
Quake	Holy/Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 40	Attack all enemies with earth rage. (All Enemies.)
Diggin'	Holy/Mist/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 4	Ups Defense with the power of earth. (All Allies.)
Def-Loss	Mist/Gravity/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 5	Drops Defense with the power of earth. (All Enemies.)
Gravity	Holy/Mist/Fairy Egg
MP: 8	Use gravity to gather enemies together. (Some Enemies.)

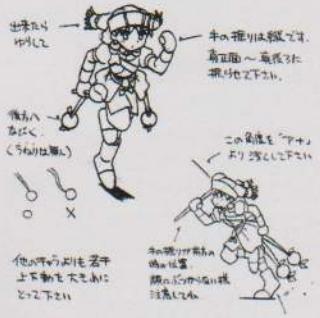
Zap!	Chaos/Soul/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 24	Attack by shooting ball lightning. (Some Enemies.)
Zap All	Chaos/Soul/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 36	Lightning attack that burns all enemies. (All Enemies.)
GadZap	Soul/Dragon Egg
MP: 55	Attack with holy lightning from heaven. (One Enemy.)
DragonZap	Chaos/Dragon Egg
MP: 58	Attack with dragon lightning. (Enemy Line.)
Stram	Chaos/Soul/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 6	Robs strength and drops enemy defense. (One Enemy.)
Crackle	Holy/Mist/Dragon Egg
MP: 16	Attack enemy with icicle knives. (One Enemy.)
Crackling	Holy/Mist/Dragon Egg
MP: 52	Attack enemies with diamond dust. (All Enemies.)
Fiora	Holy/Chaos/Gravity Egg
MP: 12	Magic symbol blocks enemy moves. (Some Enemies.)
Cold	Chaos/Gravity/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 7	Drops Movement with soul-chilling cold. (One Enemy.)
Freeze!	Chaos/Gravity/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 5	Drops Action with bone-chilling cold. (All Enemies.)
Cure	Holy/Mist/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 4	Green power cures poison and paralysis. (One Ally.)
Poizn	Mist/Gravity/Soul Egg
MP: 15	Covers a range with a poisonous gel. (Some Enemies.)
Refresh	Holy/Mist/Fairy Egg
MP: 12	Natural harmony unblocks magic/moves. (One Ally.)
Speedy	Holy/Mist/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 7	Forest life-force ups Movement ability. (One Ally.)
Craze	Gravity/Soul/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 10	Confuse enemy by dropping spores. (Some Enemies.)
Halvah	Gravity/Soul/Fairy Egg
MP: 24	Cures all status abnormalities. (One Ally.)
BOOM!	Gravity/Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 22	Attack with an explosion. (Some Enemies.)
BA-BOOM!	Gravity/Dragon Egg
MP: 75	Attack with a huge explosion. (All Enemies.)
Meteor Strike	Star/Dragon Egg
MP: 50	Meteor strike from the sky. (One Enemy.)
WOW!	Holy/Gravity/Star/Fairy Egg
MP: 5	Ups Attack power. (One Ally.)

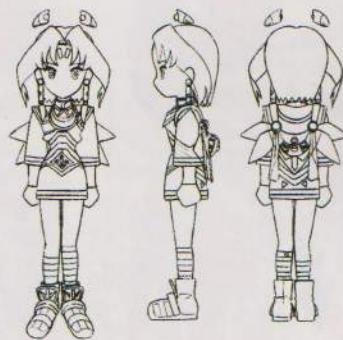
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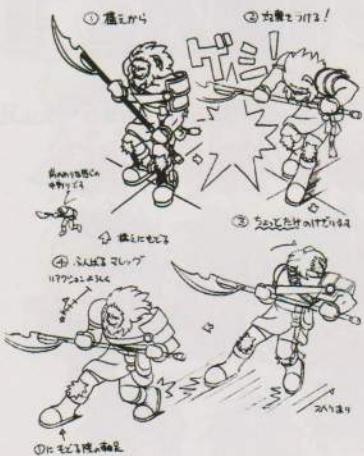


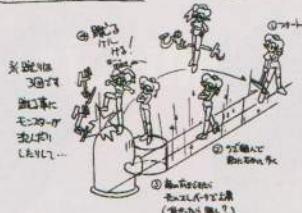
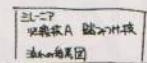
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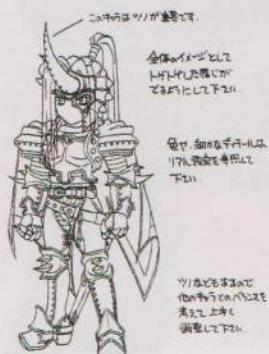


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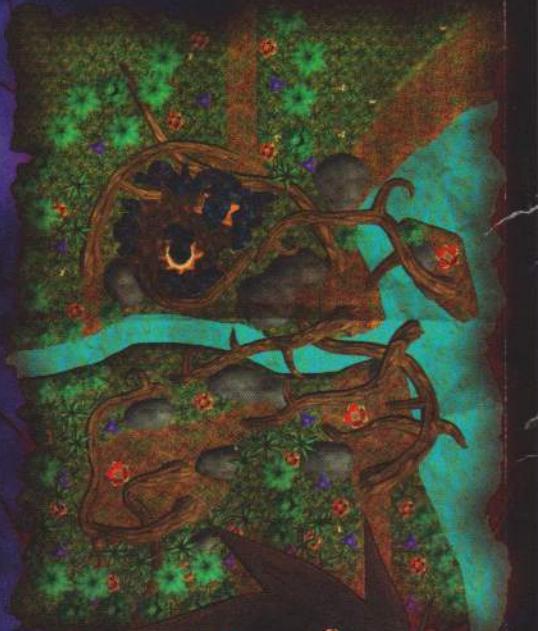


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